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STATE OF MONTANA,)	Cause No. DC-56-2023-0000768
)	DC-56-2023-0000779
)	
Plaintiff,)	
)	Yellowstone County District Court
-vs-)	
)	
JEREMY PATRICK OPIE,)	Montana Thirteenth Judicial District
)	
)	DECISION
Defendant.)	

On February 6, 2024, the Defendant was sentenced five (5) years to the Montana State Prison for the offense of Count I: Failure to Register as a Sexual or Violent Offender, a Felony, in violation of §§46-23-504 (including 46-23-504(5)) through 46-23-507, MCA, to run consecutive to DC-23-779. The Court ordered that the Defendant be given credit for time spent in pre-trial incarceration as follows: August 3, 2023, through August 9, 2023; and September 1, 2023, through October 6, 2023. The Defendant was sentenced in DC-23-768 and DC-23-779. Both cases needed to be considered to understand the totality of the sentence imposed. It was further ordered that pursuant to §46-18-202(2), the Court imposed a four (4) year parole restriction.

On November 7, 2025, the Defendant's Application for review of that sentence came on for hearing by Zoom videoconference before the Sentence Review Division of the Montana Supreme Court (hereafter "the Division"). The Defendant appeared from the Saguaro Correctional Center and was represented by Rufus Peace, Defense Counsel. The State was not represented. The Defendant did give a statement.

Before hearing the Application, the Defendant was advised that the Division has the authority not only to reduce the sentence or affirm it but also increase it. The Defendant was further advised that there is no appeal from a decision of the Division. The Defendant acknowledged that he understood this and stated that he wished to proceed.

Rule 12, Rules of the Sentence Review Division of the Supreme Court of Montana, provides that, "The sentence imposed by the District Court is presumed correct. The sentence shall not be reduced or increased unless it is clearly inadequate or clearly excessive." (Section 46-18-904(3), MCA).

The Division finds that the reasons advanced for modification are insufficient to hold that the sentence imposed by the District Court is clearly inadequate or clearly excessive.

Therefore, it is the unanimous decision of the Division that the sentence is AFFIRMED.

DATED this _____ day of November, 2025.

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Hon. Jessica Fehr, Chair



Hon. Matthew Cuffe, Member



Hon. Jeffrey Dahood Member

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