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STATE OF MONTANA,)	Cause No. DC-32-2023-0000234
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Plaintiff,)	Missoula County District Court
)	
-vs-)	Montana Fourth Judicial District
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DEMAR DOMINIQ PUGH,)	
)	DECISION
)	
Defendant.)	

On January 23, 2024, the Defendant was sentenced as follows: Counts I – IV: Six (6) years each Deferred Imposition of Sentence, to run concurrently with each other. Count V: Seventy-Three (73) days at the Missoula County Detention Facility. The Defendant was given credit against the time served in the amount of seventy-three (73) days. All financial obligations were imposed. The Defendant was *not* given credit for time served against the fine. The Court ordered the Defendant to not knowingly have any contact, oral, written, electronic or through a third party with MR, KG, SS, the victim(s) and/or their immediate family. The Court ordered the Defendant to pay a fine in the amount of \$2,600.00 to the Missoula District Clerk of Court.

04/12/2024: Failed to comply with Intervention Hearing. Defendant also failed to remain in aftercare as ordered / required. 04/11/2024: Operated a motor vehicle without P.O. permission or an interlock system. REVOCATION OF SENTENCE: On August 20, 2024, the Court found the Defendant violated the terms of the conditions of the last Judgment entered by the Court, revoked the sentence, and sentenced him as follows: Counts I – IV: Three (3) years commitment each to the Department of Corrections for the offenses of Criminal Endangerment, a Felony, in violation of §45-5-207, MCA. Counts I – V were ordered to run concurrently with each other. The Defendant was given credit against the sentence for time served in the amount of seven (7) days. The Court recommended to the Department of Corrections that the Defendant be screened as soon as possible for placement in pre-release. The terms and conditions of the deferred or suspended portion of the Judgment were the same as those contained in the Judgment filed with the Court on February 6, 2024. SRD JUDGES NOTE: A clerical error was made that Counts I – V were ordered to run concurrently with each other. Should be Counts I – IV.

On November 6, 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 Montana State Prison and was represented by Teal Mittelstadt, 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 19 day of November, 2025.

SENTENCE REVIEW DIVISION



Hon. Jessica Fehr, Chair



Hon. Matthew Cuffe, Member



Hon. Jeffrey Dahoodt, Member

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