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STATE OF MONTANA,)	Cause No. DC-42-2023-0000072
)	
Plaintiff,)	Richland County District Court
-vs-)	
)	Montana Seventh Judicial District
CHINOOK WESTLEY REEP,)	
)	DECISION
)	
Defendant.)	

On December 3, 2024, the Defendant was sentenced to ten (10) years commitment to the Department of Corrections, with five (5) years suspended, for the offense of Count I: Attempted Escape, a Felony, in violation of §§45-7-306 and 45-4-103, MCA. The Defendant was given credit for three hundred forty (340) days for time served in jail. The Court ordered the Defendant to pay restitution in the amount of \$5,083.59 to the Richland County Sheriff's Office. On June 4, 2024, the Defendant reported for a scheduled UA. The Probation Officer informed the Defendant his urine was below 90 degrees and did not test positive for any substances. However, because of the temperature, the UA could not be used. The Defendant gave several excuses to the P.O. about the temperature of his urine. The P.O. then used an oral swab which resulted in a positive test for methamphetamine, amphetamine, and opiates.

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 Great Falls Transitional Center 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 Dahood, Member

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