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STATE OF MONTANA,)	Cause No. DC-25-2017-0000059
)	
Plaintiff,)	Lewis & Clark County District Court
-vs-)	
)	Montana First Judicial District
JORY RUSSELL STRIZICH,)	
)	DECISION
)	
Defendant.)	

On January 17, 2018, the Defendant was sentenced as follows: Count I: Forty (40) years to the Montana State Prison for the offense of Aggravated Burglary, a Felony in violation of §45-6-204(2)(b)(i), MCA. Count III: Six (6) months to the Lewis and Clark County Jail, all suspended, for the offense of Criminal Trespass of Property, a Misdemeanor, in violation of §45-6-203, MCA, to run concurrently with Count I. Count V: Twenty (20) years to the Montana State Prison, with fifteen (15) years suspended, for the offense of Criminal Possession of Dangerous Drugs (Methamphetamine), a Felony, in violation of §45-9-102(1), MCA, to run consecutively to Count I. The Defendant was given credit for time served prior to sentencing for the following dates: January 21, 2017 – January 17, 2018. The Court ordered the Defendant to pay restitution in the amount of \$2,266.03 jointly and severally with Co-Defendant Kaleb Daniels; the payment of \$655.75 to victims Marshall and Sonya Buus. The Defendant was solely ordered to pay the remaining amount, \$1,610.28, with \$715 owed to Mr. and Mrs. Mayernik and the balance of \$895.28 owed to Mr. and Mrs. Buus. The Defendant was ordered to pay an additional 10% administrative handling fee. The Court designated the Defendant as a “Persistent Felony Offender” for his commission of the felony offenses of Burglary and Criminal Possession of Dangerous Drugs. On March 14, 2018, an Amended Judgment was filed to correct the surcharge fees, due to inadvertent typographical errors, as follows: \$80 for Count I, \$70 for Count V, and \$65 for Count III. All else in the original judgment of January 17, 2018, remained the same.

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 Connecticut Prison and was represented by Tyler Dugger, Defense Counsel. The State was represented by Dan Baris. 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.

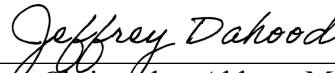
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