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OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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STATE OF MONTANA,	) Cause No. DC-56-2023-0001646
	)
Plaintiff, -vs-	) Yellowstone County District Court
	)
	) Montana Thirteenth Judicial District
LAWRENCE LEE HODGES,	)
	) <b>DECISION</b>
Defendant.	)
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On April 1, 2025, the Defendant was sentenced as follows: Count I: Ten (10) years to the Montana State Prison, with five (5) years suspended, for the offense of Theft – Unauthorized Control Over Property Exceeding \$5,000—a Felony, in violation of §§45-6-301(1) and 45-6-301(8), MCA, to run consecutively to DC-17-1393. Amended Count II: Three (3) years to Montana State Prison for the offense of Theft – Unauthorized Control Over Property Exceeding \$1500—1st Offense, a Felony, in violation of §45-6-301(1)(c), MCA, to run concurrently with Count I. Count III: Five (5) years to the Montana State Prison, with two (2) years suspended, for the offense of Criminal Mischief Pecuniary Loss More Than \$1,500, a Felony, in violation of §45-6-301, MCA, to run concurrently with Counts I and II. The Defendant was given credit for time spent in pre-trial incarceration as follows: May 27, 2024 through June 27, 2024. The Court ordered the Defendant to pay restitution in the total amount of \$14,325.75 to S.A. and assessed a 10% administration fee. The Court further ordered that for any period of supervision, the Defendant must be employed for fifty-two (52) hours a week. The Defendant may not use Facebook Marketplace or other sale based social media platforms to conduct or advertise sales. Pursuant to § 46-18-208, MCA, the Defendant may file a Petition to Terminate Time Remaining on the Sentence if the Defendant has served two-thirds of the time suspended, and the defendant has been granted a conditional discharge from supervision under § 46-23-1011, MCA, and has demonstrated compliance with the conditional discharge for a minimum of 12 months. The Court may hold a hearing on the Petition on its own motion or upon the request of the Prosecutor or the Defendant. The Court may grant the Petition if it finds that: 1) termination of the remainder of the sentence is

in the best interests of the Defendant and society; 2) termination of the remainder of the sentence will not present an unreasonable risk of danger to the victim of the offense; and 3) the Defendant has paid all restitution and court-ordered financial obligations in full.

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 Crossroads Correctional Center and was represented by Tyler Dugger, Defense Counsel. The State was not represented. The Defendant did not 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.

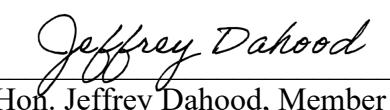
Therefore, it is the unanimous decision of the Division that the sentence is AFFIRMED.

DATED this 21st day of November, 2025.

SENTENCE REVIEW DIVISION

  
Hon. Jessica Fehr, Chair

  
Hon. Matthew Cuffe, Member

  
Hon. Jeffrey Dahood, Member

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*Dia C. Lang*

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