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STATE OF MONTANA,) Cause No. DC-42-2012-0000074
)
) Plaintiff,) Richland County District Court
)
) -vs-) Montana Seventh Judicial District
)
) AARON ROBERT FIELDS,)
) **DECISION**
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)
) Defendant.)

On June 11, 2025, the Court found the Defendant violated the terms of his sentence, revoked the sentenced, and sentenced him to eight (8) years to the Montana State Prison, none suspended, for the offenses in Counts VIII, IX, X, XII, XIV, XV, XVIII and XX: Burglary, a Felony, in violation of §45-6-204, MCA, to run concurrently with each other. The Court recommended that if Defendant was released on parole, he not be allowed to return to Richland County. The Defendant was given credit for two-hundred-nine (209) days for time served in jail. All conditions during periods of suspension contained in the Judgment and Sentence filed on June 30, 2014, shall remain in effect during any period of community placement.

On February 6, 2026, 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 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 26th day of February 2026.

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Hon. Matthew Cuffe, Chair



Hon. Christopher Abbott, Member



Hon. Jeffrey Dahood, Member

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