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STATE OF MONTANA,) Cause No. DC-24-2024-0000168
)
Plaintiff,) Lake County District Court
)
-vs-) Montana Twentieth Judicial District
)
DALTON DANIEL HALL,)
) **DECISION**
)
Defendant.)

On September 11, 2025, the Court found the Defendant violated the conditions of his sentence, revoked the sentence, and sentenced him to five (5) years commitment to the Department of Corrections, with none suspended, with a recommendation for NEXUS followed by pre-release, for the offense of Count I: Strangulation of Partner or Family Member, a Felony, in violation of §45-5-215, MCA. The Defendant was given credit for 83 days’ time served. The Court recommended that the Department of Corrections reimpose the Defendant’s original conditions as set forth in the Judgment dated April 24, 2025, should the Department consider any sort of early release.

On February 5, 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 Nexxus Treatment Center and was represented by Lane Bennett, 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 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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