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STATE OF MONTANA, ) Cause No. DC-41-2021-0000211  
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Plaintiff, ) Ravalli County District Court  
)  
-vs- ) Montana Twenty-First Judicial District  
)  
LAWRENCE JOHN JAKUB, )  
) **DECISION**  
)  
Defendant. )

On March 5, 2025, the Court found that the Defendant violated the terms and conditions of his suspended sentence, revoked the sentence, and resentenced him to three (3) years commitment to the Department of Corrections, none suspended, for the offense of Charge I: Criminal Possession of Dangerous Drugs, a Felony, in violation of §45-9-102(3), MCA. The Defendant was given credit for one hundred and three (103) days for time served and ninety-three (93) days' credit for street time. All the reasons stated in the underlying Judgment filed December 19, 2022 were incorporated by reference.

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 and was represented by Shannon Sweeney, Defense Counsel. The State was represented by David Lakin. 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



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Hon. Christopher Abbott, Member



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Hon. Jeffrey Dahood, Member

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