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STATE OF MONTANA,) Cause No. DC-7-2025-0000051
)
Plaintiff,) Cascade County District Court
-vs-)
) Montana Eighth Judicial District
DUSTIN JOSEPH DEBOO,)
) **DECISION**
)
Defendant.)

On September 17, 2025, the Defendant was sentenced to three (3) years to the Montana State Prison for the offense of Count I: Criminal Possession of Dangerous Drugs, a Felony, in violation of §45-9-102, MCA, and given credit for 238 days for time already served. The sentence was ordered to run consecutively to any other sentence the Defendant was currently serving. As this was a straight Montana State Prison sentence, the Court did not impose conditions of probation.

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 Montana State Prison and was represented by Rufus Peace, 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.

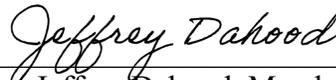
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