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STATE OF MONTANA, ) Cause No. DC-9-2024-0000027  
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Plaintiff, ) Custer County District Court  
-vs- )  
) Montana Sixteenth Judicial District  
DILLON ALLEN WINKLEY, )  
) **DECISION**  
)  
Defendant. )

On August 18, 2025, the Defendant was sentenced as follows: Count III: Ten (10) years to the Montana State Prison, none suspended, for the offense of Sexual Abuse of Children, a Felony, in violation of §45-5-625(1)(e), MCA (2023). The required term runs CONCURRENT with the term of sentence imposed for Counts IV, V and VI herein. Count IV: Fifty (50) years to the Montana State Prison, with twenty (20) years suspended, for the offense of Sexual Abuse of Children, a Felony, in violation of §45-5-625(1)(b), MCA (2017). Count V: Fifty (50) years to the Montana State Prison, with twenty (20) years suspended, for the offense of Sexual Abuse of Children, a Felony, in violation of §45-5-625(1)(b), MCA (2017). Count VI: Fifty (50) years to the Montana State Prison, with twenty (20) years suspended, for the offense of Sexual Abuse of Children, a Felony, in violation of §45-5-625(1)(b), MCA (2017). For Counts III, IV, V and VI, the Court ordered that prior to parole the Defendant shall successfully complete the educational phase of a sexual offender treatment program at the prison pursuant to §46-18-207(2)(a)(i), MCA. The Defendant was assessed a fine in the amount of \$1,000.00. The fine may be satisfied through an equivalent donation to the Custer County Community Table Miles City Soup Kitchen pursuant to §46-18-201(3)(b), MCA. The Court designated the Defendant a Level II Sexual Offender and ordered to register as a Sexual Offender. The Defendant was credited with four hundred fifty-five (455) days of pre-sentence/pre-conviction incarceration served prior to sentencing on August 18, 2025, §46-18-403(1), MCA. No credit was granted against the imposed fine for pre-conviction incarceration, §46-18-403(2), MCA. The Court granted the State’s motion to dismiss Counts I and II with prejudice. The Defendant shall not knowingly have any contact, oral, written, electronic, or through a third party, with the victims, Ta.B., and Ty.B. (Ty.W.), and shall maintain a distance of at least 500 FEET from the victims unless such contact was voluntarily initiated by the victims

through the Montana Department of Corrections. [SRD JUDGES NOTE: The judgment changed Ti.B. to Ty.B. (Ty.W.). As agreed through the plea agreement, the Defendant shall forfeit all property seized by the Custer County Sheriff's Office pursuant to Search Warrant 2023-105, dated November 10, 2023; and Search Warrant 2023-113, dated December 14, 2023, to the CCSO for destruction by law enforcement pursuant to §46-5-306 through §46-5-309, MCA.

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 Crossroads Correctional Center and was represented by Lane Bennett, Defense Counsel. The State was represented by Shawn Quinlan. 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.

SENTENCE REVIEW DIVISION



Hon. Matthew Cuffe, Chair



Hon. Christopher Abbott, Member



Hon. Jeffrey Dahood, Member

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