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STATE OF MONTANA,) Cause No. DC-56-2023-0000813
)
Plaintiff,) Yellowstone County District Court
)
) Montana Thirteenth Judicial District
-vs-)
) **DECISION**
FARRON GENE AMERICANHORSE,)
)

Defendant.

On September 24, 2025, the Defendant was sentenced to five (5) years to the Montana State Prison for the offense of Count I: Robbery, a Felony, in violation of §45-5-401(1)(a), MCA. The sentence was ordered to run concurrently with DC-23-0813 and Federal Case CR-23-63-GF-BMM-1, but consecutively to DC-17-0109. The Defendant was given credit for time spent in pre-trial incarceration as follows: December 4, 2022 through May 23, 2023; and July 7, 2023 through September 24, 2025. The Defendant was ordered to pay restitution in the total amount of One Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$1,200.00) to Marylou Katherine Jefferson. The Court further ordered that the Defendant shall complete the Criminal Thinking Errors Program.

On May 7, 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 K. 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, of the 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 considered the Defendant's sentence as it was presented. The Division unanimously concludes that the sentence imposed was clearly inadequate. The Division's decision is that the Defendant's sentence be INCREASED and amended to order **a commitment to the Montana State Prison for a term of twenty (20) years with fifteen (15) years suspended**. Defendant is need of supervision for his violent and sexual offenses and history. It remains concurrent with the other sentences. The terms and conditions shall otherwise remain as imposed in the Judgment given on 9/29/2025.

Pursuant to §46-18-904(3), MCA, the District Court shall resentence the Defendant in accordance with the Sentence Review Division's Decision and file an Amended Judgment.

DATED this 29th day of May, 2026.

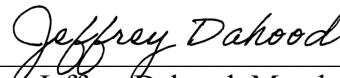
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