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SENTENCE REVIEW DIVISION OF THE SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA

STATE OF MONTANA,	)	Cause No. DC-42-2025-0000027
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	Richland County District Court
	)	
	)	Montana Seventh Judicial District
-vs-	)	
	)	DECISION
CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL ANDERSON,	)	
	)	

Defendant.

On November 19, 2025, the Defendant was sentenced as follows: Count I: Ten (10) years to the Montana State Prison, none suspended, for the offense of Unlawful Possession of Firearm by Convicted Person, a Felony, in violation of §45-8-313(1)(c), MCA. Count II: One (1) year to the Richland County Jail, with all but 72 hours suspended, for the offense of Partner or Family Member Assault, 2nd Offense, a Misdemeanor, in violation of §45-5-206(1)(a), MCA. The sentence to run concurrently with the sentence imposed in Count 1. Count III: Seven (7) years to the Montana State Prison, all suspended, for the offense of Tampering with or Fabricating Physical evidence, a Felony, in violation of §45-7-207, MCA. The sentence to run consecutively to Count I and Count II. The Court recommended a net fine to be paid to the Clerk of District Court in the amount of \$600.00. The Defendant shall not knowingly have any contact, oral, written, electronic or through a third party, with [CM] (the victim(s) and/or the victim's immediate family) unless such contact was voluntarily initiated by the victim(s) through the Department of Corrections. The Defendant was entitled to credit for time served amounting to three (3) days.

On August 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 Tallahatchie County Correctional Facility and was represented by Teal Mittelstadt, Defense Counsel. The State was represented by Charity McLarty. The Defendant did not provide 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 31st day of August, 2026.

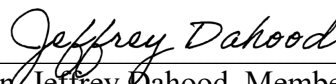
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Hon. Matthew Cuffe, Chair



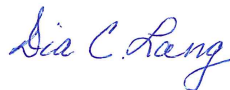
Hon. Christopher Abbott, Member



Hon. Jeffrey Dahood, Member

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