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SENTENCE REVIEW DIVISION OF THE SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA

STATE OF MONTANA,	)	Cause No. DC-24-2018-0000212
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	Lake County District Court
	)	
	)	Montana Twentieth Judicial District
-vs-	)	
	)	DECISION
ORLI CHRISTENSEN BITSINNI,	)	
	)	

Defendant.

On March 26, 2026, the Court found the Defendant violated the conditions of his suspended sentence, revoked the suspended sentence, and sentenced him five (5) years commitment to the Department of Corrections for the offense of Count I: Criminal Endangerment, a Felony, in violation of §45-5-207, MCA. The Defendant to be placed in secure placement at the Montana State Prison and should complete the integrated correctional program model, with none of that time suspended. The Defendant received credit for time served / street time of 254 days. The Court recommended the Department of Corrections reimposed the Defendant's original conditions should the Department consider any sort of early release.

On August 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 Lake County Jail and was represented by Tyler Dugger, Defense Counsel. The State was not represented. The Defendant did 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.

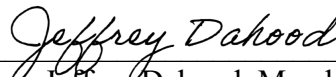
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