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SENTENCE REVIEW DIVISION OF THE SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA

STATE OF MONTANA,	)	Cause No. DC-56-2024-0000900
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	Yellowstone County District Court
	)	
	)	Montana Thirteenth Judicial District
-vs-	)	
	)	DECISION
MICHAEL JAMES FELT,	)	
	)	

Defendant.

On February 2, 2026, the Defendant was sentenced to a five (5) years commitment to the Department of Corrections for the offense of Count I: Criminal Possession of Dangerous Drugs, a Felony, in violation of §45-9-102, MCA, to run consecutively to DC-19-0049. The Defendant received credit for time spent in pre-trial incarceration as follows: July 1, 2024, through August 20, 2024; and April 8, 2025, through October 1, 2025. The Court recommended that the Defendant be screened for treatment with NEXUS Treatment Center and the Pre-Release Program and upon acceptance, follow all requirements and provisions. If not accepted, Defendant would be placed at a Department of Corrections facility at the discretion of the Department.

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 NEXUS 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.

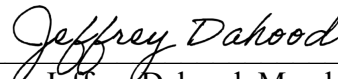
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