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STATE OF MONTANA,) Cause Nos. DC-15-2025-0000324
) DC-15-2025-0000483
)
Plaintiff,)
) Flathead County District Court
)
-vs-) Montana Eleventh Judicial District
)
JACOB DANIEL HATTEL,) **DECISION**
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)
Defendant.

On December 11, 2025, the Defendant was sentenced to a five (5) year commitment to the Department of Corrections, with three (3) years suspended, for the offense of Count I: Criminal Possession of Dangerous Drugs, a Felony, in violation of §45-9-102, MCA. Defendant was given credit for 116 days served in custody. The Defendant was ordered to pay a fine of \$1,000.00. On February 19, 2026, the Defendant was sentenced 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(1), MCA. The Defendant was ordered to pay a \$1,000.00 fine, suspended. The Court further ordered the Defendant to pay restitution in the amount of \$4,418.23 to the Flathead County Detention Center. Defendant was given credit for one hundred fifteen (115) days served in custody pending final disposition in the matter.

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 Flathead County Jail and was represented by Lane Bennett, Esq, 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 20th day of May, 2026.

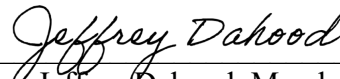
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