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STATE OF MONTANA,) Cause No. DC-41-2023-0000202
)
Plaintiff,) Ravalli County District Court
)
) Montana Twenty-First Judicial District
-vs-)
) **DECISION**
JARED LEON JOHNSON,)
)
Defendant.)

On September 10, 2024, the Defendant was sentenced to fifty (50) years, with forty (40) years suspended, to a state prison to be designated by the Department of Corrections, for the offense of Charge I: Incest, a Felony, in violation of § 45-5-507(1), (4), MCA. The Defendant was designated a Tier I Sexual Offender. The Defendant was ordered not to have contact with the victim, KJ and/or the victim’s immediate family, unless explicitly approved by Probation & Parole, and only if it was directed in a therapeutic manner. The Court placed a parole restriction of ten (10) years. Additionally, the Court placed a parole restriction that the Defendant shall successfully complete all DOC (Phase I and II) Sexual Offender Treatment before Defendant was eligible for parole.

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 Tallahatchie County Correctional Facility 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

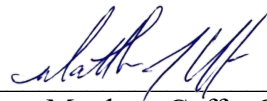
not be reduced or increased unless it is clearly inadequate or clearly excessive.” (Section 46-18-904(3), MCA).

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.

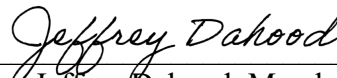
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