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SENTENCE REVIEW DIVISION OF THE SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA

STATE OF MONTANA,	)	Cause No. DC-37-2020-0000001
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	Pondera County District Court
	)	
	)	Montana Ninth Judicial District
-vs-	)	
	)	DECISION
ERON LEE NORUNNER,	)	
	)	

Defendant.

On June 29, 2023, the Defendant was sentenced in Count I per the plea agreement. the Defendant to enroll and complete the Ninth Judicial District Drug Treatment Court. The Defendant to make a contribution of \$1,500.00 to the Pondera County Drug Fund within one (1) year of sentencing in the matter. The Defendant was given credit for 35 days against the time served in jail prior to or after conviction (§46-18-403 MCA). The Defendant was not given credit against the fine for time served in jail prior to conviction. The Defendant to pay a fine of \$5,000.00 (§61-8-731, MCA), all suspended. The State moved to dismiss all remaining counts in the Information. The Court granted the motion and ordered all remaining counts filed in the Information dismissed. On December 11, 2023, the Court found the Defendant failed to comply with the conditions of his probation, revoked his previous sentence, and sentenced him to Five (5) years commitment to the Department of Corrections for the offense of Count I: Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol or Drugs, Fourth Offense, a Felony, in violation of §61-8-401, MCA (2019). The Defendant was given credit for sixty-one (61) days for time already served and given credit for street time in the amount of thirty-six (36) days. All prior fines and fees were reimposed.

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 Montana State Prison and was represented by Sarah Kottke, Defense Counsel. The State was not represented. 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.

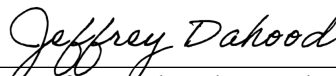
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