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SENTENCE REVIEW DIVISION OF THE SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA

STATE OF MONTANA,	)	Cause No. DC-15-2022-0000155
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	Flathead County District Court
-vs-	)	
	)	Montana Eleventh Judicial District
GRANT ALAN WEST,	)	
	)	DECISION
Defendant.	)	
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On February 16, 2023, the Defendant was sentenced as follows: Count I: Thirty-Eight (38) years, with zero (0) years suspended, to the Montana State Prison, or other prison designated by the Department, for the offense of Robbery, a Felony, in violation of §45-5-401(1)(c), MCA. For the use of a firearm or weapon in the commission of the offense, Defendant was ordered to serve an additional two (2) years, pursuant to §46-18-221, MCA, with such time served consecutively to the time imposed in the sentence for Count I above for a net sentence of forty (40) years. Count II: Ten (10) years, with zero (0) years suspended, to the Montana State Prison, or other prison designated by the Department, for the offense of Aggravated Kidnapping, a Felony, in violation of §45-5-303(1)(b), MCA. Count III: Five (5) years commitment to the Department of Corrections, with zero (0) years suspended, for the offense of Criminal Possession of Dangerous Drugs, a Felony, in violation of §45-9-102(1) or (2), MCA. Defendant was given credit for 290 days served in custody. The Sentences for Counts I, II, and III were ordered to run concurrently with each other. The Defendant shall not knowingly have any contact, oral, written, electronic or through a third party, with the victim(s) unless such contact is voluntarily initiated by the victim(s) through the Department of Corrections. The Victims of the offenses were Wendy Sunde, Jessica Baumgartner, and Shalyn Coker.

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 Crossroads Correctional Center and was represented by Glen Neier, Esq., Defense Counsel. The State was not represented. The Defendant did give 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, after review of the record, having held its hearing, and after deliberation finds the sentence is clearly excessive because the reasons for the sentence contained in the judgment do not adequately explain the length of the sentence imposed.

Therefore, it is the unanimous decision of the Division that the sentence shall be **MODIFIED** to: Count I to 38 years to Montana Department of Corrections, with 10 suspended, plus 2 years for use of firearm. The rest of the sentence stays the same.

Pursuant to §46-18-904(3), MCA, the District Court shall resentence the Defendant in accordance with the Sentence Review Division's Decision and file an Amended Judgment.

DATED this 8th day of September, 2026.

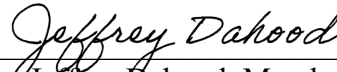
SENTENCE REVIEW DIVISION



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