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STATE OF MONTANA,) Cause No. DC-51-2022-0000037
)
Plaintiff,) Toole County District Court
)
) Montana Ninth Judicial District
-vs-)
) **DECISION**
AMANDA KAY BABB,)
)

Defendant.

On July 10, 2025, the Court found the Defendant violated the terms and conditions of her sentence, revoked the suspended sentence, and re-sentenced her to three (3) years to the Montana Women’s Prison, with one (1) year suspended, for the offense of Count I: Theft by Common Scheme, a Felony, in violation of §45-6-301(1)(a), MCA. The Defendant received credit for fifty (50) days for time served. Any outstanding financial obligations and all of the conditions set forth in the original Judgment were reimposed.

On April 3, 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 Butte Prerelease and was represented by Layla Turman, Esq., Defense Counsel. The State was not represented. The Defendant provided 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 she understood this and stated that she 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

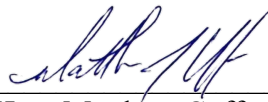
not be reduced or increased unless it is clearly inadequate or clearly excessive.” (Section 46-18-904(3), MCA).

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.

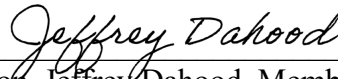
Therefore, it is the unanimous decision of the Division that the sentence is AFFIRMED.

DATED this 10th day of April, 2026.

SENTENCE REVIEW DIVISION



Hon. Matthew Cuffe, Chair



Hon. Jeffrey Dahood, Member



Hon. Jessica Fehr, Member

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