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STATE OF MONTANA, ) Cause No. DC-56-2019-0000526  
)  
Plaintiff, ) Yellowstone County District Court  
)  
) Montana Thirteenth Judicial District  
-vs- )  
) **DECISION**  
RONNIE WALLINE LAFORGE, )  
)

Defendant.

On July 28, 2025, the Court found the Defendant violated the terms and conditions of her sentence, revoked the sentence, and resentenced her as follows: Count I: Sentenced pursuant to §46-18-203, MCA, and committed to the Department of Corrections for six (6) years, with three (3) years suspended, for the offense of Criminal Endangerment, a Felony, in violation of §45-5-207, MCA, and to run consecutively to any and all other cases in which the Defendant was charged.

The Court recommended that the Defendant be screened for any and all treatment programs and the Pre-Release Program and upon acceptance, follow all requirements and provisions. If not accepted, the Defendant would be placed at a Department of Corrections facility at the discretion of the Department. In all other respects, the previous orders, conditions, and reasons the Court entered on October 23, 2023, remained unchanged and were imposed. The Defendant was entitled to receive credit for elapsed time while not incarcerated pursuant to §46-18-203(7)(b), MCA, as follows: October 23, 2023 through November 1, 2023 for a total of nine (9) days. The Court further found the Defendant was entitled to receive credit for pre-trial incarceration / detention time served as follows: November 18, 2024 through April 23, 2025; and May 14, 2025 through July 28, 2025, for a total of Two Hundred and Thirty-Three (233) days.

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 Passages Women's Facility and was represented by Lane Bennett, Esq, Defense Counsel. The State was represented by Autumn Thompson-Irish. 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 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

  
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Hon. Matthew Cuffe, Chair

  
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