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STATE OF MONTANA, ) Cause No. DC-25-2023-0000604  
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Plaintiff, ) Lewis & Clark County District Court  
)  
) Montana First Judicial District  
-vs- )  
) **DECISION**  
VANNESHA LEANN YANG, )  
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)

Defendant.

On February 19, 2025, the Defendant was sentenced as follows: Count I: Six (6) years to the Montana’s Women’s Prison, with two (2) years suspended, for the offense of Exploitation of Older Person, Incapacitated Person, or Person with Developmental Disability, a Felony, in violation of §45-6-333(1), MCA. Count II: Six (6) years to the Montana’s Women’s Prison, with two (2) years suspended, for the offense of Exploitation of Older Person, Incapacitated Person, or Person with Developmental Disability, a Felony, in violation of §45-6-333(1), MCA. The sentences were ordered to run consecutively to each other. The Defendant to not knowingly have any contact, oral, written, electronic or through a third party, with the victim(s) or their immediate family: S.S. and J.P. The Court further ordered the Defendant to pay restitution in the amount of \$9,005.72, plus a 10% administrative fee for a total of \$9,906.29.

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 Montana Women’s Prison and was represented by Darcy Critchfield, Esq., Defense Counsel. The State was represented by Allyssia Buhnell-Haegele. 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.

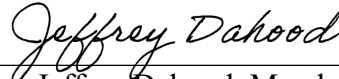
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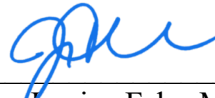
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Hon. Matthew Cuffe, Chair



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Hon. Jeffrey Dahood, Member



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Hon. Jessica Fehr, Member

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