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STATE OF MONTANA,	)	Cause Nos. DC-32-2025-0000522
	)	DC-32-2024-0000405
Plaintiff,	)	
-vs-	)	Missoula County District Court
	)	
KYLIE R. FINLEY SQUEQUE,	)	Montana Fourth Judicial District
	)	
	)	**DECISION**
Defendant.	)	

On November 19, 2025, the Defendant was sentenced in Counts I, III, and IV, per the plea agreement. In Count III, the Defendant received credit for time served in the amount of 144 days at the rate of $100.00 credit per day toward Defendant's fine. However, the amount of credit given shall not exceed the total amount of fine due. The Defendant shall not knowingly have any contact, oral, written, electronic or through a third party, with the victims unless such contact was voluntarily initiated by the victims through the Department of Corrections. The Defendant shall not knowingly approach or remain within 1500' of the victims or their residences. On June 17, 2026, the Court found the Defendant in violation of the conditions of her sentence, revoked the sentence, and sentenced her to five (5) years commitment to the Department of Corrections for the offense of Count I: Assault with a Weapon, a Felony, in violation of §45-5-213(1)(a), MCA, with three (3) years suspended. The Court recommended the Defendant be screened for treatment at Elkhorn followed by prerelease. The Defendant received credit for time served in the amount of 280 days and credit for street time in the amount of 32 days. The terms and conditions of the Judgment were the same as those contained in the Judgment filed with the Court on December 24, 2025.

On September 18, 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 Elkhorn Treatment Center and was represented by Lane Bennett, 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 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 14th day of October 2026.

SENTENCE REVIEW DIVISION

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Hon. Jeffrey Dahood, Member

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