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SENTENCE REVIEW DIVISION OF THE SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA

STATE OF MONTANA, Plaintiff, -vs- BRITTANY NICOLE JOHNSON, Defendant.	)	Cause No. DC-32-2023-0000249 Missoula County District Court Montana Fourth Judicial District **DECISION**

On May 22, 2024, the Defendant was sentenced as follows: Count I: Twenty (20) years to the Montana Women's Prison, with five (5) year suspended for the offense of Criminal Distribution of Dangerous Drugs, a Felony, in violation of §45-9-101, MCA, to run consecutive to Count II and the sentence imposed in Ravalli County, Count II: Ten (10) years to the Montana Women's Prison with ten (10) years suspended for the offense of Unlawful Use / Possession of Property Subject to Criminal Forfeiture, a Felony, in violation of §45-9-206(1), MCA. The sentence to run consecutive to Count I and the sentence imposed in Ravalli County. Defendant shall receive credit for time served in the amount of 403 days at the rate of $100.00 credit per day toward Defendant's fine. The forfeiture proceedings would be held on May 30, 2024. The amended judgement was filed to add the following: In Court, on May 22, 2024, the Court ordered the property subject to forfeiture, $1,474.00, as established in Count II—forfeited.

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 Riverside Correctional Facility 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.

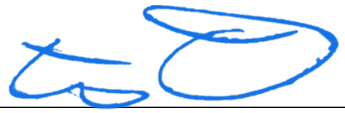
Therefore, it is the unanimous decision of the Division that the sentence is AFFIRMED.

DATED this 14th day of October 2026.

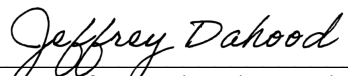
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