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STATE OF MONTANA,	)	Cause Nos. DC-51-2024-0000039
	)	DC-51-2024-0000020
Plaintiff,	)	
-vs-	)	Toole County District Court
	)	
HEATHER PATTON,	)	Montana Ninth Judicial District
	)	
	)	**DECISION**
Defendant.	)	

On September 25, 2025, the Defendant was sentenced to five (5) years to the Montana State Prison, with two (2) years suspended for the offense of Count I: Criminal Possession of Dangerous Drugs, a Felony, in violation of §45-9-102, MCA. The Defendant was given credit for thirty (30) days of jail time already served. The Court adopted the conditions of probation set forth in the Pre-Sentence Investigation (PSI) Report with the exception of conditions 12h and 12i of the PSI, which were waived. All remaining charges filed in the Information were dismissed. ORDER GRANTING NUNC PRO TUNC: Defendant moved for a nunc pro tunc order clarifying the judgment and sentencing order. The Court granted the motion of the judgment and sentencing order and modified it to conform to the oral pronouncement of sentence. The Defendant was given credit for seventy-eight (78) days of jail time already served.

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 Montana Women's Prison and was represented by Layla Turman, 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.

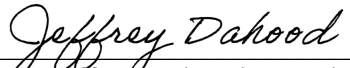
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