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STATE OF MONTANA,

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Plaintiff and Appellee,

Bowen Greenwood Clerk of Supreme Court State of Montana

V.

ORDER

TORI NATHANIEL HAMLIN,

Defendant and Appellant.

Counsel for the Appellant Tori Nathaniel Hamlin filed a motion and brief asking to be allowed to withdraw from this appeal on grounds that counsel has been unable to find any nonfrivolous issues to raise on appeal, pursuant to § 46-8-103(2), MCA, and *Anders* v. *California*, 386 U.S. 738, 87 S. Ct. 1396 (1967). Hamlin requested and received an extension of time to respond to counsel's motion and brief, but no response was filed.

The Court has now independently examined the record pursuant to § 46-8-103(2), MCA, and *Anders*. Our examination of the sentencing phase of the record indicates that a nonfrivolous issue may exist on appeal. We direct counsel to review the complete record on appeal and to consider whether an appealable issue exists as to discrepancies between the District Court's written judgment and its oral pronouncement of sentence.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that counsel's motion to be allowed to withdraw is DENIED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Appellant's opening brief shall be due within thirty days of the date of this Order.

The Clerk is directed to provide copies of this Order to all counsel of record and to Hamlin personally.

DATED this 23 day of September, 2025.

Chief Justice

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