

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

DA 24-0013

STATE OF MONTANA,

Plaintiff and Appellee,

v.

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MICHAEL ROSS TROMBLEY,

Defendant and Appellant.

This Court reviews briefs to ensure compliance with Rules 11 and 12 of the Montana Rules of Appellate Procedure. After reviewing the Appellant's Reply Brief filed electronically on October 6, 2025, this Court has determined that the brief does not comply with the below-referenced Rules and must be resubmitted.

Under Mont. R. App. P. 11(4)(a), reply briefs shall not exceed 5,000 words. The Appellant's Certificate of Compliance states that the reply brief contains 5,090 words. If accurate, the brief is over-length. A party must seek leave to file an over-length brief, supported "by an affidavit demonstrating extraordinary justification." Mont. R. App. P. 12(10). On Appellant's unopposed motion, the Court granted an extension of time to and including October 17, 2025, within which to file the reply brief. Under this schedule, Appellant had and retains the opportunity to timely file a brief within the word limit.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the referenced brief is rejected.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that within ten (10) days of the date of this Order the Appellant shall electronically file with the Clerk of this Court a revised brief containing the revisions necessary to comply with the specified Rules and shall serve copies of the revised brief on all parties of record;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that no changes, additions, or deletions other than those specified in this Order may be made to the brief as originally filed.

The Clerk is directed to provide a true copy of this Order to all counsel of record.

Electronically signed by:
Beth Baker
Justice, Montana Supreme Court
October 7 2025