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STATE OF MONTANA

Case Number: OP 25-0872

Jennifer Crystal Berryman  
Inmate Name

3027417  
Inmate ID or AO#

Passages  
Facility of Incarceration

1001 South 27th Street  
Address of Facility

Billings MT 59101  
City State Zip

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**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA**

No. OP 25-0872  
[The Clerk of Court will assign a number]

Jennifer Crystal Berryman,  
NAME

**PETITIONER,**

v.

Gena Poor,  
NAME OF WARDEN/FACILITY ADMINISTRATOR,

**RESPONDENT.**

**Petition for Writ of  
Habeas Corpus**

I, Jennifer Crystal Berryman, am representing myself, and I  
[Name of Inmate]  
believe that I am entitled to a Writ of Habeas Corpus under § 46-22-101, MCA, for one  
or more of the following reasons:

[Check the applicable box]:

- The Department of Corrections has incorrectly calculated my sentence which illegally extends my parole eligibility or discharge date.
- The Parole Board should have granted me a parole AND the Board violated my Due Process rights in denying me a parole.
- I am entitled to more credit for jail time served than I received.

# PETITION FOR A WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS FORM

## MONTANA SUPREME COURT

A Petition for Habeas Corpus tells the Court you are being incarcerated illegally or you will be incarcerated illegally.

### INSTRUCTIONS

Please read and follow carefully, or your documents will be returned to you by the Clerk's Office.

1. You must put your name, under which you were convicted, on the first line.
2. Put your inmate ID or AO number on the second line.
3. Put the name of the correctional facility where you are presently incarcerated on the third line. You must be presently incarcerated in a facility to be eligible for habeas corpus relief.
4. On the fourth and fifth lines put the address for the facility where you are presently incarcerated.
5. Do not put anything below the name of the court. The court will fill in the case number for you.
6. Put your name as PETITIONER on the left-hand side.
7. Put your facility's Warden or Captain's name as RESPONDENT in the space on the bottom of the left-hand side, even if you are alleging the parole board is illegally denying you parole.

Montana State Prison	Warden Jim Salmonsens
Crossroads Correctional Center, Shelby	Warden D.J. Godfrey
Montana Women's Prison	Warden Katie Weston
Cascade Co. Regional Prison, Great Falls	Sheriff Jesse Slaughter
Dawson Co. Detention/Corr. Facility	Warden Tom Green
Missoula Assessment and Sanction Center	Commander Sheryl Zielger or Captain Hash

8. Next, answer the questions about your present incarceration.
9. Complete the Verification and Certificate of Mailing (Service) pages. You must send a photocopy of your petition to either the Attorney General or the County Attorney. If you are in a State institution, send the copy to the Attorney General's Office. If you have been recently sentenced and are awaiting transport to a State institution or facility, such as MSP, CCC, or MASC, send a photocopy to the Attorney General. If you are in a county facility, send a photocopy to the County Attorney where the facility is located.

10. Along with this petition, you need to submit payment for a filing fee **or** a motion to proceed without payment of the filing fee. The form for the motion is available on the Court's website. ([courts.mt.gov/Forms/PrisonApprovedForms](http://courts.mt.gov/Forms/PrisonApprovedForms))

11. Make sure to sign the originals and to mail them to:

Clerk of Supreme Court  
P. O. Box 203003  
Helena MT 59620-3003

12. Mail a photocopy of the petition to the Attorney General or County Attorney as noted above in Instruction number 9., and listed in the Certificate of Mailing (Service) on page 5. Make sure to retain a copy for your records, too.

My sentence is illegal because: other

I was sentenced after April 28, 1999, and I received a sentence of more than 5 years to the Department of Corrections, none of which was suspended.

My sentence violates my right to be free from double jeopardy.

The length of my sentence is longer than the law allows.

I am entitled to *either* good time *or* street time that is not credited against my sentence.

I am being held in jail and I believe my bail is excessive.

Other reason incarceration is illegal.

Describe in detail why you are entitled to habeas corpus relief. Be specific. If possible, provide citations to legal authority. Attach any documents that help you explain why the Court should grant your petition. A copy of any judgments, orders or other documents that support your argument must be provided.

My probation officer did not comply with  
MIIG. Given no sanction.

When I was arrested by Butte Police  
I did not had no warrant.

on October 9<sup>th</sup> 2025,

Arrested October 9<sup>th</sup>, according to probation  
& parole I have 3 non-compliance  
violations. Technical violations.

I believe I should have been

given a sanction by the  
disciplinary board, I was told by

the probation/parole disciplinary board that  
I would be incarcerated for the  
remainder of my sentence, approx.  
10 months. October 15<sup>th</sup> 2025 to August 2<sup>nd</sup> 2026.

I believe legal procedures of the  
MIIG chart were not followed  
and I am entitled to a sanction  
then release on Conditional Release.

I was being held at Butte Silverbow  
Detention Center October 9<sup>th</sup> 2025 - November 11<sup>th</sup> 2025  
under a "Parole Violation" yet I have  
never been on Parole.

November 11<sup>th</sup> 2025 I was transferred to Passages in  
Billings, MT where I am currently incarcerated  
and awaiting transport to the Montana Women's Prison.

Passages recommended that I remain incarcerated until  
my discharge date: August 02 2026 by referral to  
THEIR program "Elkhorn" I refused and was  
given the option Montana Women's Prison.

[Use extra pages if necessary]

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**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING (SERVICE)**

I hereby certify that on December 15, 2025, I have mailed the Petition for a Writ of Habeas Corpus, as noted by a check mark (✓), to the following attorney by placing a copy in the United States Mail, postage prepaid:

State of Montana

(see INSTRUCTIONS #9)

Office of the Attorney General

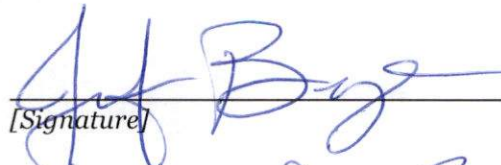
P. O. Box 201401

Helena, MT 59620-1401

or

\_\_\_\_\_ County Attorney (see INSTRUCTIONS #9)  
[Write name of County]

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[Signature]  
Jennifer Crystal Berryman  
[Print name]