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Case Number: DA 26-0289

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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DIANA JO SYESTER,

Petitioner and Appellee,

v.

JUDITH A. PECHO,

Respondent and Appellant.

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ORDER

On her own behalf, Appellant Judith A. Pecho moves this Court for an extension of time to file an opening brief in an appeal of an order of protection case. Pecho states that her brief is currently due on June 3, 2026, and that she requests an additional thirty days. As grounds, she explains: “The Missoula County District Court has not been able to provide a transcriptionist, now that I have secured one outside the court, they cannot find [the] 16 minute [Zoom recording].”

This Court observes from our docket that the Court Reporter contacted the Clerk of the Supreme Court on May 5, 2026, after we received the Missoula County District Court record. The Court Reporter gave notice that the Appellant may call about the transcripts not being filed. The Court Reporter stated that the “Appellant is not following instructions to obtain transcripts despite being given” the instructions.

The Montana Rules of Appellate Procedure are clear. The appellant has a duty to provide a record, including the transcripts. M. R. App. P. 8(2). “A transcript shall contain . . . the body of the transcript, and a page certifying in writing—and executed by the court reporter—that the transcript is a true and correct verbatim record of the proceeding transcribed.” M. R. App. P. 8(4)(a). Pecho should not seek another person for production of the transcripts. Pecho should adhere to the instructions furnished by the Court Reporter to request production of the transcripts. Section 3-5-604, MCA. She should make financial

arrangements for payment of the transcripts. Section 3-5-604(1), MCA. Pecho has a duty to provide a complete transcript on appeal or suffer a limited review of an insufficient record by this Court. M. R. App. P. 8(2), 19(1)(a), and 19(2). Accordingly,

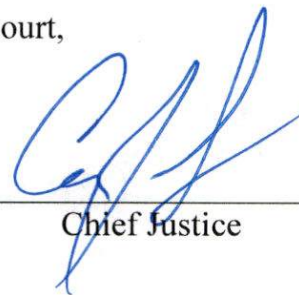
IT IS ORDERED that Pecho's Motion for an Extension of Time is GRANTED, and Pecho shall prepare, file, and serve her opening brief on or before Friday, July 3, 2026.

The Clerk of the Supreme Court is directed to provide a copy of this Order to Court Reporter, Cathy Rebish, and to all parties.

DATED this 9th day of June, 2026.

For the Court,

By



Chief Justice