

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

STATE OF DELAWARE,

v.

TAYLOR ABSHAGEN,

Defendant.

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ID No. 2503007436

ORDER

On this 3rd day of September, 2026, upon consideration of Taylor Abshagen’s (“Defendant”) *pro se* motion for Sentence Modification, her *pro se* letter amendment to the motion, and her counsel’s supplemental motion¹ made pursuant to Superior Court Rule of Criminal Procedure (“Rule”) 35(b),² the sentence imposed upon Defendant, and the record in this case, it appears to the Court that:

1. On June 15, 2026, the Court sentenced Defendant to one count of drug dealing—tier 2 quantity.³ Defendant was sentenced to 6 months of unsuspended Level V time followed by decreasing levels of probation with GPS monitoring during her Level III time.⁴

¹ Hereinafter collectively referred to as “the Motion.”

² Docket Item (hereinafter “D.I.”) 29 (hereinafter “Mot.”) in Case ID No. 2503007436. All references to the docket herein refer to Case ID No. 2503007436.

³ See D.I. 26.

⁴ Specifically, Defendant’s sentence was 15 years at Level V, suspended after 6 months, followed by 1 year at Level IV DOC discretion, suspended after 6 months, followed by 1 year at Level III with GPS monitoring.

2. On July 1, 2026, Defendant filed a *pro se* motion requesting that the Court reduce her Level V sentence to 60 days and reduce her Level IV sentence to 10 months.⁵ The basis for this request was the Defendant's desire to care for her son as he enters kindergarten.

3. On July 1, 2026, Defendant was transferred to the Hazel D. Plant Women's Treatment Facility for work release. As part of her work release program, Defendant secured employment with Dunkin' Donuts.

4. On July 6, 2026, before the Court ruled on Defendant's initial motion, but still within the 90 days contemplated by Superior Court Criminal Rule 35(b), Defendant filed a *pro se* letter purporting to amend her motion.⁶ In that letter, Defendant requested that the Court suspend the remainder of her Level V sentence in favor of an extended Level IV sentence, followed by the Level III sentence initially imposed by the Court. Defendant contends that she was unable to complete mandatory parenting classes during the Level V portion of her sentence and that the Hazel D. Plant Women's Treatment Facility lacks sufficient medical treatment for her Type I Diabetes. Thereafter, on September 2, 2026, Defendant through counsel filed another motion requesting modification, specifically noting that serving the

⁵ Mot. p. 2.

⁶ D.I. 30.

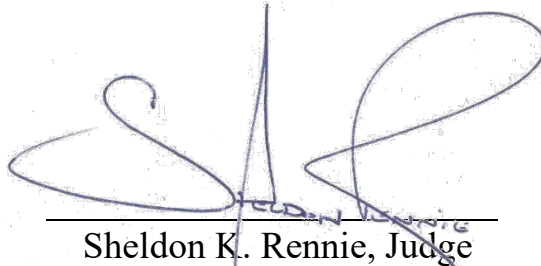
remainder of her Level V sentence would inhibit any opportunity for promotion at her job due to the restraints of her work release program.⁷

5. The Court considers motions for modification of sentence under Rule 35(b). Before addressing the merits of a motion, the Court first considers the applicable procedural bars.⁸ There are no applicable procedural bars, and thus the Court considers the Motion on the merits.

6. The Motion is denied. Defendant's sentence was appropriate at the time of sentencing. The Court imposed the sentence after a thorough review of the crime committed and the sentencing information available on the record, and the Court declines to recalibrate an appropriate sentence on the bases articulated by Defendant.

7. Accordingly, Defendant's Motion for Sentence Modification is **DENIED.**

IT IS SO ORDERED.



Sheldon K. Rennie, Judge

⁷ D.I. 31.

⁸ *State v. Redden*, 111 A.3d 602, 606 (Del. Super. 2015).