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MONTANA EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, GALLATIN COUNTY BEPULY

STATE OF MONTANA,) Case No.: DC 20-088BX
Plaintiff,) WITHDRAWAL OF NOTICE OF INTENT) TO SEEK THE DEATH PENALTY
VS.	
PATRICIA BATTS,))
Defendant.	

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COMES NOW, the State of Montana by and through Audrey Cromwell, Gallatin County Attorney, and provides notice to the Court, the Defendant Patricia Batts, and Defense Counsel Greg Jackson and Craig Shannon, that it hereby withdraws its Notice of Intent to Seek the Death Penalty in this case, which was previously filed by Bjorn Boyer, Deputy County Attorney, on May 8th, 2020, pursuant to Mont. Code Ann. § 46-1-301, et seq.

The State moves to withdraw its Notice after consulting with law enforcement, the victim's mother, and discussions with the Attorney General Prosecution Services Bureau. The State believes the Court will have the opportunity to hold the Defendant accountable through a just sentence, which may include imprisonment for life without the possibility of parole.

Respectfully submitted this <u>27</u> day of <u>January</u>, 2023.

Gallatin County Attorney

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 27 day of January, 2023, I served the foregoing

Withdrawal of Notice by causing true copies thereof to be delivered via U.S. Mail, postage prepaid to:

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