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## Press Release - For Immediate Release

Defendant's Name: Zunilda Reyes-Vega  
Age: 24  
City and State of residence: Picked up in the State of Florida on a Felony warrant from Union Co.  
Criminal File Number: 13-371  
Incident Date: October 31, 2013  
Indictment Date: November 14, 2013  
Arraignment Hearing: May 9, 2016  
Change of Plea Date: June 9, 2016  
Date of Sentencing: June 9, 2016  
Convicted of: Ct. 1: Misprision of a Felony, 22-11-12, (M1)  
Arresting Officer: Chief Bill McKelvey – Jefferson, SD  
Defense Attorney: Katie Johnson

### Case Synopsis:

On October 31, 2013, the Jefferson police responded and investigated the burglary of the Janet Johnson's apartment. An eyewitness reported seeing Robert Asher II, Jason McDonald, and Zunilda Reyes-Vega working in concert in removing items out of Johnson's apartment. Items taken include multiple televisions, about 100 DVDs, and DVD players, along with other items with a value of approximately \$1,400 dollars. Asher was arrested and turned states evidence against the two co-defendant. Asher advised that he was originally told that they were only going to recover some of the items that they had left in the apartment when they were living with Johnson. Asher admitted that he should have known that he was participating in a grand theft and burglary when about 100 DVD's and multiple televisions were removed from the residence when neither Jason McDonald nor Zunilda Reyes-Vega had ever claimed that those items were theirs.

Co-defendant Robert Asher was convicted of Grand Theft in 2014. Asher paid 100% of the restitution as part of his sentence. The law would allow Asher to now go after the co-defendants in small claims court to recover their joint and several share of the restitution in this file. Co-defendant Zunilda Reyes-Vega admitted to a concession charge of misprision of a felony, a class 1 misdemeanor. The third co-defendant, Jason McDonald, plead to the felony charge of Grand Theft, a class 6 felony.

### Sentencing Synopsis:

Zunilda Reyes-Vega received a sentence of One-hundred and twenty-seven days in the Union County Jail. The Court suspended the execution of sixty-day sentence. The court also ordered that Reyes-Vega serve an additional nine days at \$60 a day to sit out her fine of \$584.00. Reyes-Vega was ordered to pay \$561.20 in court-appointed attorney fees back to Union County. Reyes Vega was further given credit for the fifty-eight days that she spent incarcerated prior to sentencing.

### Criminal History Synopsis:

This is felony file was resolved with a misdemeanor plea agreement. While Reyes-Vega has a criminal record in three states, she does not have a felony conviction.