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Defendant's Name: Jessica Karr; AKA Jessica Henry
Age: 28
City and State of residence: Sioux City, IA
Criminal File Number: 12-477
Convicted of: Forgery (F5) 22-39-36
Original Sentencing Date: March 31, 2014
Arresting Officer: Lt. Richard Headid – North Sioux City Police Department
Probation Violation: Defendant possessed CS in violation of supervised probation; Defendant failed to follow the recommendation of his treatment provider; Defendant failed to waive his Search and Seizure rights as required by his term and condition of probation; Defendant violated State and Local laws; Defendant failed to make any payments on his financial obligations.
PV Initial Appearance: September 15, 2014
Status Hearing: October 20, 2014
Disposition Hearing: October 20, 2014
Arresting Officer / Agency: Clinton Meadows – Vermillion CSO

Case Synopsis:

An investigation was started on November 7, 2012 in which Lt. Headed investigated the crime of Jessica Karr's Forgery by passing a known forged instrument to Sugar Daddies restaurant and casino, in North Sioux City, SD. Lt. Headed was able to obtain witness statements and a video in which Karr's crime was well documented.

Probation Violation #1 Synopsis:

On May 29, 2014, the State alleges that Jessica Karr self-admitted that she had used Methamphetamine on May 26, 2014. Karr's CSO instructed her to complete substance abuse treatment at Jackson Recovery Center; however, on May 29, 2014 the CSO received an unsuccessful discharge report for Karr from Jackson Recovery. Ms. Karr was admitted on April 17, 2014, and discharged on May 13, 2014. She attended one treatment session during that time. Karr's probation officer established a minimum monthly payment plan of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) per month, beginning in May, 2014. As of June 9, 2014 Karr has failed to make any payment whatsoever, and has a current balance due at the Clerk of Court's office of Seven Hundred Twenty One Dollars and Sixty Six Cents (\$721.66).

Sentencing Synopsis:

On the charge of Forgery, Jessica Karr received a five (5) year sentence with two (2) years suspended. The Court advised that the Karr would have to serve 25% of her sentence prior to becoming parole eligible. This worked out to about six (6) months and seven (7) days. The court further ordered that Karr pay all, restitution, fine, court costs, and prosecution costs, as well as her court-appointed attorney fees. The Court noted that Karr could see some light at the end of the tunnel if she were to take advantage to some programming while at the penitentiary.

Criminal History:

This is Jessica Karr's first probation violation on her first felony conviction.