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Defendant's Name: Ashleigh Fontana
Age: 32
City and State of residence: Oakland, CA
Criminal File Number: 15-204
Offense Occurred On: June 24, 2015
Indicted: July 8, 2015
Plead Guilty On: August 17, 2015
Convicted of: Ct. 5: Possession of Known Forged Instrument, SDCL 22-39-38, (F6)
Ct. 7: Identity Theft, SDCL 22-40-8(1) (F6)
Sentencing Date: September 28, 2015

Case Synopsis:

On June 24, 2015 Ashleigh Fontana, along with Shawna Roby, and Charles Shavies III, participated in a scheme to use a set of false identifications and false credit cards to secure \$5,000 from Liberty National Bank in North Sioux City. Their fraudulent act was successful. Bank officials became suspicious when Ashleigh and Shawna both came into the bank and attempted a second cash advance on the second set of false identifications and false credit cards. All three suspects were arrested by the North Sioux City Police Department. Multiple false identification and false credit cards were discovered. Additional items and ledgers indicate that the three subjects were traveling the country conducting the same scheme.

Sentencing Synopsis:

On the charge of Possession of Known Forged Instrument, Fontana received an eighteen-month sentence to the South Dakota State Penitentiary. The Court further ordered that Fontana must pay the following:

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- \$10.00 in Prosecution Costs;
- \$104.00 in Court Costs.

On the charge of Identity Theft, Fontana received an eighteen-month sentence to the South Dakota State Penitentiary concurrent to the sentence issued by the court for the charge of Possession of Known Forged Instrument. The Court further ordered that Fontana must pay the following:

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- \$104.00 in Court Costs, and
- \$1,215.54 in Court Appointed Attorney Fees

Criminal History Synopsis:

This is Fontana's second and third career felony convictions. Fontana is also either wanted or under investigation in other jurisdictions.