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## Press Release - For Immediate Release

Defendant's Name: Kevina Dario  
Age: 18  
City and State of residence: Rochester, MN  
Criminal File Number: 14-472  
Offense Occurred On: October 12, 2014  
Indictment: December 17, 2014  
Arraignment: January 26, 2015  
Plead Guilty On: April 13, 2015  
Convicted of: Ct. 2: Identity Theft, (F6), 22-40-8(1) and 22-40-9(1) and / or (2)  
Sentencing Date: May 18, 2015

### Case Synopsis:

On October 12, 2014, Deputy Josh Bridenstein, with the Union County Sheriff's Office, stopped a vehicle that was recklessly driving northbound on I-29. The driver identified herself as Golda Okuwe. Okuwe was arrested for possession of a suspended driver's license. Okuwe represented herself as Golda Okuwe all the way through the arresting, booking, and bonding process. The person that law enforcement thought was Okuwe forged Golda Okuwe on every document required to be signed throughout the arrest and bonding process. One of the passengers in the vehicle bonded Golda Okuwe out of jail knowing that the name given had been falsely provided.

Upon further investigation, it was discovered that Golda Okuwe was actually Kevina Dario. Law Enforcement was able to identify the real Golda Okuwe and between the victim and the finger print data base, Kevina Dario was positively identified. The State's file on Okuwe was dismissed and the State brought charges against Dario for her illegal and criminal behavior on October 12, 2014.

### Sentencing Synopsis:

As to count 2, identity theft, a class 6 felony, the Court ordered that the Kevina Dario shall receive a suspended Imposition of sentence. The effect of this is not the same as a conviction. The court is able to place Dario on probation, however once Dario completes her term of probation, this file will be sealed. Until that happens officially, this is a public file.

The Court further ordered that Vanessa Perez pay the following:

- \$104.00 in Court Costs;
- \$300.00 in a fine; and
- Court Appointed Attorney Fees in the amount of \$466.50.