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Defendant's Name: Chelsea Myers
Age: 30
City and State of residence: Beresford, SD
Criminal File Number: 15-189
Date of Offense: May 3, 2015
Date of Indictment: June 10, 2015
Date of Arraignment: August 17, 2015
Change of Plea Date: November 23, 2015
Convicted of: Ct. 1: Possession of a Known Forged Instrument, 22-39-38, (F6),
Date of Sentencing: January 28, 2016
Arresting Officer: SA DCI, Brian Schnabel
Court Appointed Attorney: Rachel Rasmussen

Case Synopsis:

On May 3, 2015 a DCI investigation resolved that Chelsea Myers had possessed a known forged instrument and passed this instrument to others for her benefit. Chelsea Myers document, was made out to appear to be a document that came from the Union County Clerk of Courts. Furthermore, the document was purported to have come directly from the Union County Clerk of Courts. Further investigations, identified that the information contained in the document was false. Furthermore, the document is not consistent to any such statement that would ever be made or summarized by a clerk of court's office. In an interview with DCI, Chelsea Myers finally admitted that she authored the clerk of court's letter and that she had a 3rd person sign the document to assist in its appearance of authenticity. Chelsea Myers denied any involvement with the creation of the SD Supreme Court document, which was also fraudulent containing very little accuracy.

Sentencing Synopsis:

The court exercised its discretion of judicial clemency and granted Chelsea Myers a suspended imposition of sentence. The Court then ordered that Chelsea Myers successfully complete a three year term of supervised probation. Chelsea Myers was further ordered to serve ten days in the Union County Jail as follows:

- 2 days starting on Friday, February 12, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m.;
- 2 days starting on Friday, February 19, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m.;
- 2 days starting on Friday, February 26, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m.;
- 2 days starting on Friday, March 4, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m.;
- 2 days starting on Friday, March 11, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m.; and

Chelsea Myers was also ordered to pay the following: A fine of \$300.00; Court Costs of \$104.00; Prosecution Costs of \$10.00; and Court-Appointed Attorney fees of \$502.70.

Criminal History:

This is Chelsea Myers' first career felony offense which qualifies her to be eligible for the suspended imposition of sentence. If Chelsea Myers is successful throughout her supervised probation term, the court will seal her file and she will never be sentenced on this case or receive a final judgment.