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## Press Release - For Immediate Release

Defendant's Name: Ashley Condit  
Age: 24  
Residence: Beresford, SD  
Criminal File Number: 17-086  
Incident Date: March 19, 2017  
Indictment Date: April 19, 2017  
Arraignment Hearing: April 24, 2017  
Charges Files: Ct. 1: Accessory to a Crime, SDCL 22-3-5(1), (F5) 5/10  
Ct. 2: Misprision of a Felony, SDCL 22-11-12, (M1) 1/2  
Change of Plea Date: July 10, 2017  
Date of Sentencing: July 10, 2017  
Convicted of: Ct. 2: Misprision of a Felony, SDCL 22-11-12, (M1) 1/2  
Arresting Officer: Officer David Steckelberg - BPD  
Defense Attorney: Thomas Frieberg  
Prosecution Attorney: Jerry A. Miller

### Case Synopsis:

On March 19, 2017, Chief Christensen of the Beresford Police Department contacted Officer David Steckelberg to notify him that Christopher Condit was wanted for 3 or more warrants, with one warrant being related to felony charges. On March 19, 2017, Officer Steckelberg, along with 3 other law enforcement officers tried to serve those warrants on Christopher Condit. Before March 19, 2017, the Beresford PD had been to the residence of Chris Condit before and told Ashley and Karen that if there are hiding Christopher or failing to notify Police of his whereabouts when they know there is a Felony Warrant out for Christopher's arrest that they will be arrested and charged with a crime for harboring, concealing, or aiding a felon.

On March 19, 2017, Karen and Ashley Condit, co-defendants, decided that they were going to continue to harbor, conceal, and aide Christopher while he was wanted on a felony warrant. The Officers entered the house of Christopher Condit to serve the warrant and announced themselves and Ashley and Karen did not come out. As Law Enforcement entered the back of the home, Ashley and Karen finally came out. When asked by Law Enforcement as to the whereabouts of Christopher they both either suggested or pointed to the back room. Christopher was found hiding under clothes in the closet in that room. However, both Ashley and Karen knew about the felony warrant and continued to harbor, conceal, and aide Christopher from Law Enforcement, prior to the entry of Law Enforcement into the home.

### Sentencing Synopsis:

On July 10, 2017, Ashley Condit would receive a suspended imposition of sentence on the charge of Misprision of a Felony, a violation of SDCL 22-11-12, a class 1 misdemeanor. The Court further ordered that Condit shall serve Ninety (90) days in the Union County Jail with credit for one (1) day served, and the remaining Eighty-Nine (89) days would be suspended upon the Defendant's satisfying the following terms and conditions:

1. The Defendant shall obey all federal, state and local laws.
2. The Defendant shall pay all monetary obligations as Ordered by this Court as a term of satisfying Defendant's terms of suspended execution of sentence by January 10, 2018.
3. The Defendant shall have no like violations for 1 year.

The Court Further ORDERED that the Defendant shall pay the following amounts to the Union County Clerk of Courts (209 East Main Street, ~ Suite 230, Elk Point, SD 57025), Court Costs of Eighty-Four (\$84.00) Dollars; Prosecution Costs in the amount of Ten (\$10.00) Dollars; Court Appointed Attorney's Fees in the amount of Three Hundred Thirty-Eight Dollars and Forty Cents (\$338.40); a Fine in the amount of Three Hundred Forty (\$340.00) Dollars. The Defendant shall pay all monetary obligations as a term of suspended sentence within 6 months of the date of the disposition hearing, to which the court determined such date to be January 10, 2018. The file will be sealed upon full payment of the aforementioned amounts.

**Criminal History Synopsis:**

If Ashley Condit has no issues during this time of unsupervised probation, this file will be sealed from her record. The effect of this would be that the court and the criminal justice system would no longer acknowledge that this offense ever occurred.