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Defendant's Name: Karen Condit
Age: 57
State of residence: Beresford, SD
Criminal File Number: 17-085
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: June 26, 2017
Date of Sentencing: June 26, 2017
Convicted of: Ct. 2: Misprision of a Felony, SDCL 22-11-12, (M1) 1/2
Arresting Officer: Officer David Steckelberg - BPD
Defense Attorney: Jeffrey Myers
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, Karen Condit was sentenced on the charge of Misprision of a Felony, a violation of SDCL 22-11-12, a class 1 misdemeanor. The Court ordered that Condit shall serve Ninety (90) days in the Union County Jail with sentence to begin **immediately**. It is further ORDERED that Court shall SUSPEND the EXECUTION of the Ninety (90) days of the Defendant's sentence upon the Defendant 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), by January 10, 2018: 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 Four Hundred Forty-Six Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$446.50); a Fine in the amount of Four Hundred (\$400.00) Dollars. It is further ORDERED that Union County is awarded a Judgment for said Court Appointed Attorney Fees in this matter. 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.

Criminal History Synopsis:

Karen Condit has a rather extensive criminal history, extending back to the early 90's. Her charges vary from, failure to appears, to cruelty of a child, to dui's, and multiple infliction of corporal punishments. And a Recent DUI conviction in Union County in 2015. It would appear that Karen Condit had a felony conviction in California in the early 2000's.