
April 3, 2017

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Defendant's Name: Kelly Staum
Age: 56
City and State of residence: Elk Point, SD
Criminal File Number: 16-393
Date of Offense: January 1, 2011 through May 6, 2016
Date of Indictment: November 2, 2016
Date of Arraignment: November 28, 2016
Offense(s) Charged: Ct.1: Grand Theft by Embezzlement, a violation of SDCL 22-30A-18, a class 4 felony;
Change of Plea Date: November 18, 2016
Convicted of: Ct.1: Grand Theft by Embezzlement, a violation of SDCL 22-30A-18, a class 4 felony;
Date of Sentencing: March 27, 2017
Officer: SA Tyler Heine – Division of Criminal Investigation
Defense Attorney: Sabrina LaFleur-Sayler
Prosecutor: Jerry Miller

Case Synopsis:

The Division of Criminal Investigation received reports that Kelly Staum, who was director of the Elk Point Ambulance Director and who was also appointed the Treasurer for the organization. The investigation uncovered that while Kelly Staum received a stipend for her responsibilities as the Treasurer, Staum was writing herself checks for on call time; calls that she never went on; and paid herself for arranging training in which she was not authorized to receive compensation. The overpayments and unauthorized compensations totaled \$9113.58. Kelly Staum cooperated with the investigation and made a full confession about her activities within the Elk Point Ambulance organization.

Original Sentencing Synopsis:

On March 27, 2017, the Court sentenced Kelly Staum on the class 4 felony charge of Ct.1: Grand Theft by Embezzlement, a violation of SDCL 22-30A-18. The Court considered the arguments of the State and the Defense, and determined that Kelly Staum should receive judicial clemency from the court and receive the benefit of a suspended imposition of sentence. Under this sentencing scheme, Kelly Staum's criminal offense shall be removed from her record at the conclusion of supervised probation if she is successful. Kelly Staum was further ordered to complete a 2-year term of supervised probation along with a county jail sentence of 60 days with 57 of those days suspended. Kelly Staum was ordered to pay \$104 in Court Costs; \$10.00 in Prosecution Costs; \$500 as a fine; Restitution in the amount of \$4913.58 which is

all that is remaining from the total \$9113.58 that was originally taken. The difference was paid back by Staum while the case was pending.

Criminal History:

This is Kelly Staum's first career felony Offense, If she is successful on probation this file will be sealed from the public at some point in the future.