

100+ days in jail FOR THE VICTIM!

You've probably heard about the home invasions that happened last fall and early winter. In one of those, three men forcibly entered a home and one of the intruders held a knife to the throat of a female occupant of the apartment entered. The Cheyenne Herald has spoken with the woman on more than one occasion.

That traumatic experience was intensified by the treatment of the victim in the aftermath of the home invasion.

She was on probation for the nonviolent crime of forgery. She had done wrong and was paying for her crime in multiple ways. In addition to the conviction and probation, she would lose her license in a good professional field. What had happened, as she told it and it was not disputed by either counsel at sentencing, was she had received four \$500.00 American Express Travelers Cheques (from someone in Ghana, she said). You know the scam - cash the checks, keep \$50.00 for your trouble, send the balance back by Western Union.

She wrongly used one of the \$500.00 counterfeit Travelers Cheques to pay for \$339.05 in merchandise at Walmart and got \$169.95 in change - a theft of \$500.00.

Her driver's license no. was written on the face of the check and she was viewed on video camera. It was shortly before Thanksgiving, 2006 and she had bought Christmas gifts.

The woman pled guilty and was sentenced to five (5) years probation. Her court-appointed lawyer probably didn't help her case, unprepared as they often are, when he told the judge, she "got 500 bucks on a couple occasions." She didn't. She passed one \$500.00 check, getting merchandise and change.

Her probation exceeded what others who plead guilty or are convicted of violent crimes have imposed on them, including no drug or alcohol use. She was not to use either during five years of her probation.

For over a year after her sentencing, she had no incidents. But, then she was a victim to one of the most violent of the recent home invasions. A man held a knife to her throat and asked her if she wanted to live or die. That story has been presented here before. Authorities did not accept her story that she wasn't sure why the men had broken into her home but she thought they were looking for a young man who was supposed to be with one of the three men's "girlfriend."

Her mate had replica guns in the apartment and, although wheelchair confined, the intruders fled when they saw him with one of those guns in his lap.

The victim, who had been traumatized by the threat on her life was basically accused of being a drug dealer and the intrusion was connected to drugs. She has told me that the intruders never brought up the subject of drugs or made any accusations against the occupants that involved drugs - a drug deal gone bad, etc.

She has always candidly admitted to me that she has used drugs. She was arrested and jailed on November 19 for a violation of probation. She tested positive for meth use, had a "bottle" of whiskey in the apartment, and had weapons (2 crossbows, a rifle and "parts of several handguns").

Her probation was extended to five (5) years from her recent court date. At one point in her incarceration, she was taken to Court for a hearing and there was no attorney there to represent her. She was held another three weeks after she could have been released had there been one there for her that day. After more than 100 days in jail, she was finally released.

Remember, her conviction was for gaining \$500.00 she was not entitled to. She physically injured no one, she terrorized no one. She had herself just been threatened with death before she was arrested and jailed. At worst, her original crime would have deprived Walmart, the world's largest corporation, of \$500.00.

The guy who killed his drunk brother by hitting him as many as a dozen times with an axle shaft with gear attached and then went to talk on a cell phone with a girlfriend and slept for a few hours, was initially charged with 2nd degree murder and ultimately allowed to plead guilty to manslaughter - after the **VICTIM** had been "trashed" in Judge Grant's courtroom at sentencing. The **VICTIM**, not the killer. The killer was sentenced to four (4) years probation and released OR. He soon violated the conditions of his probation **SIX** times by using heroin in a two week period, another time by using illegal narcotics, another for opiates and again for using another's prescription drugs. Judge Grant denied a petition for revocation of his probation and reinstated the same four (4) years probation as originally sentenced - beginning from the original date.

Four (4) years probation to a man who had killed another, compared to five (5) years probation to a woman who was guilty only of wrongfully taking \$500.00 from Walmart, a \$400+ billion a year corporation. How big Walmart is doesn't make her actions right or legal - their size is just presented for comparison's sake.

A local bar owner, who had three prior felonies on his record and who told the judge he also had three DUI's on his rap sheet, was charged with four, count 'em, FOUR, counts of fraud by check. Checks in the amounts of \$10,000, \$3,000, \$2,400 and \$1,800 were written on an account with very little money in it - not enough to pay the smallest check. His theft, his fraud by check, totaled \$17,200 - 34 times the size of hers. He was allowed to plead guilty to one felony count and given three (3) years probation. His probation officer sought revocation because the perp admitted consuming alcohol and drugs, "consuming alcohol," "diluting his urine sample," and, he "blew .045, .039 and .030 on the breathalyzer." His probation was revoked, but **then RE-INSTATED FOR THE SAME THREE YEARS!** Comparative justice for her?

"We're really sorry for violating your constitutional rights and costing you the election, Senator Stevens. Is there anything we can do to make it up to you? Didn't think so."

When "the System" wants you, it will get you. After the latest news about the Senator Ted Stevens (R-AK) conviction reversal, do you have any lingering doubt?

I had a good friend who was a bank president in the Twin Cities. The feds were after this boss, the 94% owner of that bank and others in Minneapolis / St. Paul and also the owner of a large industrial complex. He also had a major stake in a Las Vegas hotel / casino and the feds were after him for skimming the winnings.

But, they couldn't build a case fast enough. So they charged my friend with wire fraud. This happened right after the Jimmy Carter / Bert Lance time of "loans on a handshake" and banking regs had been tightened considerably. My friend was remitting withholding taxes of the casino before the wire transfer arrived to

cover them. The only person who could get hurt if they *never* arrived was the owner of the bank - the same guy who wire transferred the funds. No one ever lost a dime. But the feds wanted the guy and would take anyone else along that they needed for a conviction. They offered my friend a "deal" if he would testify (actually, they told him he had to "tell them what they wanted to know") against his boss and threatened to imprison him if he didn't. He didn't, he was charged, convicted and spent 18 months in federal prison. When they want you, they get you.

Obviously, they wanted Ol' Ted Stevens. And they got him. But then his conviction came unraveled. In the interim, he lost his seat in the U.S. Senate. Did the charges have anything to do with his defeat? They had everything to do with his defeat. He lost by 3,724 votes.

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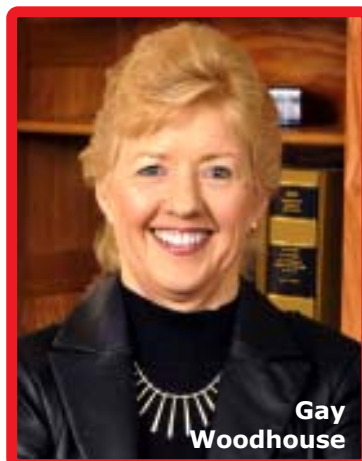
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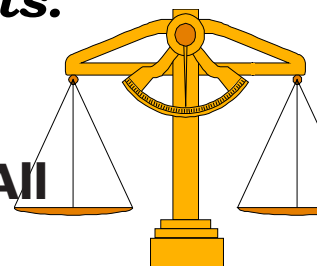
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