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#### Former Dawson Clerk Sentenced on Forgery Charge

(KLZA)-- 36-months probation and nearly \$25,000 in restitution is the sentence for the former Clerk of the Village of Dawson.

32-year old Jennifer Stutheit of Humboldt appeared in Richardson County District Court for sentencing Tuesday. In a plea agreement, Stutheit entered a plea of no contest to a felony charge of second-degree forgery in March. In exchange for her plea, five felony counts of second-degree forgery were dismissed.

MSC News learned from sources the alleged crimes occurred while Stutheit served as the Clerk of the Village of Dawson. Five of the charges alleged more than \$1,000 was involved and the sixth charge alleged the amount was between \$300 and \$1,000.

Court affidavits indicated Stutheit wrongfully procured funds by use of a written instrument. The forgeries occurred between October 28th, 2014 and April 8th, 2015.

Richardson County District Court Judge Daniel Bryan Jr. sentenced Stutheit to 36 months probation. She is to make restitution to the Continental Western Group Insurance Company totaling \$24,911.29 in \$500 monthly installments.

In addition Stutheit must perform 100 hours of community service work and pay probation fees, court costs and other associated fees totaling \$1,120.

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