

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR HARDIN COUNTY

IN RE: THE CONTEMPT OF COURT) CVCV101249
BY)
AUDRA MORGAN) ORDER
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On February 23, 2018, during the sentencing hearing in the State of Iowa versus Dean Edward Hilpipre case, Hardin County Case FECR310703, Audra Morgan engaged in contemptuous and insolent behavior toward the Court while the Court was engaged in the discharge of its official duties which tended to impair the respect due to its authority and created a willful disturbance calculated to interrupt the due course of the sentencing proceedings. This conduct was witnessed by all persons present in the courtroom at that time including several deputy sheriffs and specifically including Assistant County Attorney Denise Patters and Attorney George Appleby, the attorney for Dean Hilpipre. Both Attorney Patters and Attorney Appleby acknowledged hearing and witnessing the contemptuous and disruptive behavior of Audra Morgan.

Based on the foregoing, the Court FINDS that Audra Morgan is in contempt of this court and should be punished appropriately. The Court FINDS that the punishment for Audra Morgan's contempt of court should be a jail sentence of seven days to begin immediately. However, at any time on or after February 26, 2018, the Court will entertain a sincere written apology from Audra Morgan and will consider suspending the balance of the contempt sentence.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. Audra Morgan is found to be in contempt of court pursuant to Iowa Code Section 665.2(1) and (2).
2. As punishment for contempt of court Audra Morgan is placed in the custody of the Hardin County Sheriff.
3. Audra Morgan may offer a sincere written apology at any time on or after February 26, 2018 and upon receipt of such an apology, the Court will consider suspending the balance of the contempt sentence.
4. All costs, including sheriff's fees for the incarceration, are taxed to Audra Morgan.

Clerk to Provide Copies to:
Audra Morgan
Hardin County Sheriff



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So Ordered

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James A. McGlynn".

James A. McGlynn, District Court Judge,
Second Judicial District of Iowa