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Letter from Foster County Sheriff Theron Cole to Attorney General Langer Raising Concern over State's Attorney's Handling of a Case Involving a Poor Girl, March 18, 1917

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Sheriff

THON COLE
SHERIFF
FOSTER COUNTY

CARRINGTON, N. D., March 18, 1917, 191

William Langer
Bismark
N. Dak.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed you will find warrants of arrest delivered to me ^{by} States Attorney of this County, which kindly return to me when you are through with it, The States attorney advises me that he has settled this case, by taking the normal sum of \$200.00 from the defendant, The girl is a poor girl and there is a possibility that she may be a County charge

This settlement was not submitted to the County Commissioners for approval, nor was there any bond taken where the defendant, would protect the County. This is the way the majority of the criminal cases are being handled, this information I thought your office should have

If this girl had parents, and had made this settlement it would not be so bad, but it was made between the defendants two brothers, and a women who she had been working for, who only agrees to keep her two months, and then send her to a brother some where else, and no one knows what will become of the child with out a name. I wish you would lookin to this so as to not cause any trouble between the States attorney and me. as he is a very pleasant man, but I think he needs the once over , to make him do his duty

Yours very truly

Theron Cole
Sheriff