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Woman Sentenced to Fifty One Months in Prison for Burglary of Chestnut Cottage *Clallam County Superior Court Cause No. 21-1-00226-05*

Lytezia Montes, 27, was sentenced today to fifty-one months in prison by Judge Lauren Erickson after pleading guilty to one count of Burglary in the Second Degree. Washington State law defines burglary as the unlawful entry or remaining in a building (other than a vehicle or dwelling) by an individual with the intent to commit a crime against person or property therein.

On August 7, 2021, law enforcement officers responded to a report of a burglary at Chestnut Cottage in Port Angeles. It was reported that a naked female, later identified as Lytezia Montes, had been found inside the building. The female fled the restaurant prior to police arrival. While investigating the scene, Officer Sean Ryan was contacted by an out-of-state visitor who informed him that a naked female had run into his hotel room at the nearby Aircrest Motel and would not let him into his room. Officers gained access to the room and found Montes inside, sitting on the floor. After a brief physical struggle, officers managed to take agitated Montes into custody and transport her to the hospital prior to booking.

In Washington State, courts are generally bound to impose a punishment, or period of incarceration, within a certain range of months. This range is largely determined by the number of past criminal offenses that a defendant has been convicted of. At sentencing, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Zachary Snipe informed the Court that Montes has had multiple convictions for Burglary in the Second Degree in recent years and expressed concern that this behavior was part of an ongoing pattern. Snipe also expressed hope that Montes would consider treatment to avoid future incidents of this type but noted that treatment only works if an individual chooses to engage with it. When given the opportunity to speak, Montes adamantly denied that controlled substance usage played a role in her behavior, but offered no other explanation of what occurred.

Montes will serve up to fifty-one months in a Washington State prison, with credit for the time served in the local jail. She has been ordered to pay \$500 in court fines and will also be required to pay restitution to Chestnut Cottage for any damages that occurred as a result of her actions.

Office Information

The Criminal Division represents the state and the county in criminal matters in the Clallam County District and Superior Courts. The Criminal Division is responsible for prosecuting all felonies in Clallam County and all misdemeanors in unincorporated areas of Clallam County as well as the Cities of Port Angeles and Sequim.

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