

A former Clearfield County Child and Youth Services caseworker was sentenced Tuesday on charges relating to Official Oppression and Extortion.

Court documents stated that several victims were asked for money by 39 year old Crystal Miller of Dubois and varying amounts were given to her from \$80 to several hundred dollars. Most of the victims were asked to either co-sign for a car loan or a mortgage by Miller, and one victim was asked for a free trip to Disney World. The victims were under Millers supervision and believed they would not retain custody of their children or have their children removed if they did not give Miller the requested funds or financial benefits.

Crystal Miller had pleaded guilty to two Misdemeanor charges of Official Oppression and as part of her plea agreement, was to receive a probation sentence. President Judge Frederic Ammerman paraphrased a letter to the court from one family that was a victim of Millers. The letter stated that the family had lost all trust in law enforcement and Children and Youth Services. While Ammerman was paraphrasing the letter, Miller was observed smiling and shaking her head.

Commissioner John Sobel addressed the court stating that the Commissioners felt that probation sentence was too light under the circumstances as public trust was violated.

Former Director of Clearfield County Children Youth Services told the court of her it affected the entire agency and foster parents. The agency has a difficult time getting foster parents. Lumadue said she was appalled by what Miller had done and went on to call Crystal Miller actions egregious and this is something that should have never happened.

Miller told the court that what happened was not due to her authority she thought they were friends, she helped them and asked them for help.

After further discussion in a sidebar. Crystal Miller was ordered to serve 90 days to 1 year in the Clearfield County Jail and 4 years probation. During her supervision, Miller is prohibited from engaging in any employment involving the care of children in any regard. She was also ordered to perform 200 hours of community service, pay \$600 in restitution, and \$1,000 in fines. Due to the fact Crystal Miller had not planned on being incarcerated, she was given a delayed commitment and is to report to the Clearfield County Jail to begin her sentence next Wednesday.