

(Neb.)-Rose Siefke Sentenced To Prison For Accessory To Death

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(Alliance)-An ugly chapter in Alliance's 125-year history came to a close Monday afternoon when a Hemingford woman was sent to prison for being an accessory to a death that was tied to the Thiele Pharmacy standoff last summer.

According to KCOW, Box Butte County District Court Judge Travis O'Gorman ordered 20-year-old Rose Siefke to serve 20 months to five years in prison for her role in the death of former Alliance resident Josh Bullock, who was killed in Alliance and buried south of Chadron in December, 2011.

O'Gorman said he would have given Siefke a harsher sentence but his hands were tied by state statutes. The judge stated that the evidence presented in a pre-sentence investigation revealed that Siefke failed to reveal what she knew about Bullock's death for six months. Two weeks after Bullock was reported missing, his burned out pickup truck was found south of Chadron. During a standoff at Thiele Pharmacy on June 12, 2012, Siefke's boyfriend, 27-year-old Andy Gonzalez, who held pharmacy owner Charles Lierk hostage for over seven hours, told law enforcement that he had killed Bullock and buried his body south of Chadron.

Siefke was portrayed as a victim by her attorney, Larry Miller, who told the court that Siefke feared for her life because Gonzalez had threatened to kill her and her family if she told police what she knew. However, Judge O'Gorman told Siefke that text messages she sent to Gonzalez showed she did not fear him at all. The Judge also shared that when Gonzalez buried Bullock's burned up body, Siefke helped determine the burial sight, and also took part in disposing of Bullock's severed head in a Chadron dumpster. O'Gorman also said that Siefke also knew of Gonzalez' plan to rob Thiele Pharmacy, and that she could have prevented the entire ordeal.

Prior to her sentencing, Siefke told the court that she was sorry for her actions, but that the recent birth of her daughter had given her new life. Under Nebraska's good time law, Siefke will be eligible for parole in 10 months.

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