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July 31, 1996

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Attention: Shirley Dakota

Dear Ms. Dakota:

RE: [REDACTED]

Further to our telephone conversation of July 31, 1996, I write to advise you that Mr. [REDACTED] was sentenced yesterday to 15 months in custody to be followed by 30 months of probation with all of the conditions suggested by you.

The Judge who sentenced Mr. [REDACTED] was The Honourable Mr. Justice Dohm who made a number of comments about your Pre-Sentence Report. His comments were generally that he could not remember the last time he received such a full and fair report and that the author should be "congratulated". He said that if Pre-sentence Reports were like yours more often it would make the very difficult job of sentencing much easier. The Judge was clearly impressed with your report.

Thank you for your assistance.

Yours truly,

Louise Krivel,  
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July 31, 1996

**Shirley Dakota,**  
Bail & Probation Supervisor,  
The Native Courtworker & Counselling Association of British Columbia  
40 Powell Street, Vancouver, B.C., V6A 1E9

**Dear Shirley,**

For your information, I was present at Vancouver Supreme Court, Tuesday July 30, 1996, on behalf of client [REDACTED] he was appearing before senior judge, His Worship Justice Patrick Dohm.

I thought you may be interested in some of the statements Justice Dohm had made during sentencing that related directly to your preparation of [REDACTED] pre sentence report.

Justice Dohm stated: "In all my years sitting on the bench I have never seen such a thorough and well prepared pre sentence report, and I would like to acknowledge the authour of this report, Ms. Shirley Dakota of the Native Courtworkers for her professionalism in preparing this report. If all pre sentence reports were done on behalf of client's in the manner in which Ms. Dakota has prepared this report it would make sentencing procedures so much easier and so much more effective. My congratulations to Ms. Dakota for a job well done."

All my Relations,

Lee Robert Mason, A.C.D.S. I

Certified S.A.S.S.I. II

*Director ~ The Healing Circle*



Aug. 22, 1996

To whom it may concern

Re: Shirley Dakota

My contact with Shirley Dakota has been in the capacity of my role as a probation officer and her role as a Native Court Worker; supervising bail and probation cases. We have liaised continually regarding these mutual cases that are transferred to Native Court Workers for cultural reasons.

In the time that Shirley has been in the role of Native Court Worker/ Probation Officer, she has been expedient and efficient in her work. She is always pleasant to deal with and inquisitive about issues she may be unclear about. Ms. Dakota assumed her new role with ease, and was prepared to exceed the expectations of the job.

Please contact me at the above noted number if more information is required.

Yours truly

Kim Kirby  
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August 19, 1996

Ms. Janet Baker,  
Regional Manager,  
The Native Courtworker and Counselling Association of B.C.,  
50 Powell Street,  
Vancouver, B.C.  
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Dear Ms. Baker;

I am writing this letter on behalf of my colleague Brad Rankin and myself. It has been our pleasure as Bail Supervisors to be associated with Ms. Shirley Dakota over the last several months.

During this period, Ms. Dakota has kept us well informed regarding our mutual clients and has not hesitated to inquire of us when she had a need to know some aspect of bail supervision. In our respective roles, communication is important and we have a very positive two-way relationship with Ms. Dakota. She shares relevant information with our office, is professional and pleasant to deal with, is reliable and very obliging regarding any request for information. It has given us confidence in Ms. Dakota to know that when we contact her on matters that involve both offices, we will receive a prompt and informative response.

We have enjoyed working with Ms. Dakota and would welcome any enquiries regarding her performance vis-a-vis our office. Please feel free to contact either Brad Rankin or myself at 660-3700.

Yours sincerely,

Dave Swinford,  
Bail Supervisor/Probation Interviewer



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22 August, 1996  
Vancouver, BC

To whom it may concern:

**RE: Shirley Dakota**  
**Native Courtworkers and Counsellors**

It has been my pleasure to deal with the above Courtworker for the previous six months. I believe that Ms. Dakota is an excellent professional worker with a high degree of commitment and skill. Her response to requests and ability to provide necessary information has been very beneficial to myself and others in this Probation office. I also have confidence that information shared with Ms. Dakota is in good and trusted hands. She would be an asset to any organization.

Yours truly,

Charles A. Cresswell  
Probation Officer

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