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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF SOUTH DAKOTA  
CENTRAL DIVISION

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

CR05-30016-01

Plaintiff,

FACTUAL BASIS STATEMENT

vs.

CHARLENE AZURE,

Defendant.

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The undersigned parties stipulate that the following facts are true and establish a factual basis for the plea in the action pursuant to Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure 11(b)(3):

Beginning on or about February 1, 2004, and continuing up through and including June 30, 2004, Charlene Azure was the acting general manager of the Lodestar Casino, a gaming establishment operated by and for, and licensed by an Indian tribe, the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe of Fort Thompson, South Dakota, pursuant to an ordinance and resolution approved by the National Indian Gaming Commission. During such period of time, Azure fraudulently caused, issued, and negotiated payroll checks to which she was not entitled, all in an amount over \$1,000.

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