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To: Haley, Nikki

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Subject: I have an important message for you about my life what this county has done

Title: IMPORTANT FOR ME! PLEASE DO NOT DISCARD!

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Message:

Hello Mrs. Nikki Haley,

I'm going to start off by letting you know the issue then tell you the reason that started the issue.

I went to jail for a warrant I had for shoplifting. This was my first time ever going to jail for shoplifting. The cop put someone else's charge on me. He gave me 3rd degree shoplifting charge when all I did was take the guy to the store. I admitted to that and I tried telling the judge that the cop gave me the wrong charge and he did not care at all. So I had to stay in jail for 2 days and pay a \$10,000 bond to get out. At first, they had me going to felony court then they changed me to misdemeanor court and when it came time for court the judge just said I apologize for setting your charge that way so I'm giving you time served. Please remember at the time I knew nothing about the law or anything like that. Im still dumb to it. So, now when any employer looks at my criminal record they see 3rd degree shoplifting reprimanded to misdemeanor court or something like that. Employer's do not know what that means. I have got hired a few times and then they check my background and tell me I want be allowed to work for them.

I know I should have never took him to the store that day but I feel that the cop and the judge should have not just took my life so lightly that day. Now, its very very hard to get a decent job. November of 2014 I went and spoke with, Jeanette, the woman over expungements in Conway, SC and she looked everything up and told me I would be approved for an expungement on January 25 2015. So in March 2015 I went and paid \$350.00 for my expungement. Then today, May 11, 2015 I called to check and see what's going in with it and she says that I can not get an expungement because I paid for one years ago and that I will not be reimbursed except \$35.00. When I was a 19 years old I drank alcohol in public and went to jail.

Well, I know for a fact that Mrs. Jeanette could have told me before I paid all that money that I was unable to get an expungement because she could see all the expungements and she already knew we can only get 1 in this state in our whole lifetimes. But she still allowed me to pay the money that I cant get back.

So, my question to you is since the arresting officer gave me the wrong charge knowingly is there anyway for me to fix this so I can get a decent job to take of my family? That is all I need or want.

Thank you so much for taking the time to read this whole letter and helping me with this matter.

Sincerely and truly,
Ginger Johnson