IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

STATE OF DELAWARE,)	
v.)	ID# 1506018431
STEPHANIE M. DESOLA,)	
Defendant.)	

March 3, 2017

On Defendant Stephanie M. Desola's Motion for Postconviction Relief. **DENIED.**

ORDER

Joseph Grubb, Esquire, Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice, Wilmington, Delaware, Attorney for the State.

Stephanie M. Desola, pro se Defendant.

SCOTT, J.

On this <u>3rd</u> day of <u>March</u>, 2017, upon consideration of Defendant's Motion for Post-conviction Relief and the Commissioner's Report, the Recommendation that Defendant's Motion for Post-conviction Relief Should be Denied, and the record in this case, it appears that:

- 1. On July 2, 2015, as a result of investigation by the FBI and IRS, Defendant was charged with one count of Theft over \$50,000 from her employer Chesapeake Insurance Advisors, in violation of 11 *Del. C.* § 841(c)(3)(a).
- 2. Defendant's case was transferred from the District Court of Delaware to the Superior Court of Delaware for plea purposes.
- 3. On July 8, 2015, Defendant plead guilty to one count Theft over \$50,000, and was sentenced to five years in at Level Five, suspended for six months at Level Four, followed by one year at Level Three probation.
- 4. On July 24, 2015, Defendant was granted a sentence modification to remove the Level Four portion of her sentence because she resided in Maryland and therefore was not a candidate for home confinement. Defendant is currently on Level Three probation.
- 5. Defendant's restitution hearing was held on January 13, 2016. On April 11, 2016 Defendant was required to pay \$115,130.97 in restitution to the victims pursuant to a Modified Restitution Order.

- 6. Defendant filed her Motion for Postconviction Relief on June 27, 2016, and it was assigned to a Commissioner on July 8, 2016.
- 7. Chesapeake Insurance Advisors, Defendant's employer, filed a civil suit against Defendant and her husband in Chancery Court. The matter is pending before Vice Chancellor Laster.
- 8. Defendant discharged her attorney, Brian Jordan, in her Chancery Court proceeding as of May 26, 2016. Mr. Jordan also represented Defendant in the criminal proceedings.
- 9. On July 8, 2016, Defendant's Motion was assigned to Commissioner Bradley Manning pursuant to 10 *Del. C.* § 512(b) and Superior Court Criminal Rule 62 for proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law.
- 10. On January 4, 2017, the Commissioner filed a Report and Recommendation that the Defendant's Motion for Post Conviction Relief should be **DENIED**, and the Commissioner also noted it was so lacking in merit it could be Denied and **SUMMARILY DISMISSED** pursuant to Superior Court Criminal Rule 61(d)(5). No written objections were filed.

NOW, THEREFORE, for reasons stated in the Commissioner's Report and Recommendation that Defendant's Motion for Post-conviction Relief should be Denied, as well as responses filed by the State, **IT IS SO ORDERED** that the Commissioner's Report, including its Recommendation, is adopted by the Court.

Defendant, Stephanie M. Desoloa's, Motion for Post-conviction Relief is **DENIED**.

/s/ Calvin L. Scott

The Honorable Calvin L. Scott Jr.