

Anthony Falangetti Assists in Lindsay Lohan's Defense in Los Angeles County Superior Court Hearing

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Attorney Anthony J. Falangetti practices criminal defense in Long Beach, CA. On March 18th, 2013, Lindsay Lohan's attorneys Mark Heller and Anthony Falangetti appeared at a highly publicized Los Angeles County Superior Court hearing on her behalf.

LONG BEACH, Calif. -- Los Angeles, CA – On Monday, March 18th, 2013, after catching an overnight flight from New York to enter her plea, Lohan successfully avoided jail after pleading no contest to misdemeanor charges in connection to a June 2012 car accident. In the last-minute plea deal, she agreed to 90 days in a locked rehabilitation facility.

The star of the 1998 version of “The Parent Trap” will have to complete 18 months of psychological counseling and a 90 day residential treatment program, as well as 30 days of community labor which can be performed in New York, where she is currently residing. These conditions are based on the plea agreement where she pleaded no contest to misdemeanor reckless driving and providing false information to the police. The charge for willfully resisting, obstructing or delaying an officer was dismissed.

When Lohan pleaded no contest to the charges, she admitted to violating her probation in connection with a 2011 shoplifting incident; L.A. County Superior Court Judge James Dabney sentenced her to 180 days in jail; however, the sentence was suspended. Judge Dabney said that if she were to meet all of the terms of the plea deal, she wouldn't have to serve additional jail time.

The judge rattled off a list of terms and conditions which included: she could not drive with any measurable amount of alcohol in her system, she was not to refuse any chemical tests (blood, alcohol, urine), she was not to drive without a valid license or insurance, she was not to use or possess any drugs or narcotics without a valid prescription, she is to stay away from where users or buyers of drugs congregate, she was not to associate with narcotic buyers or sellers, and she was to make restitution to the truck accident victim for an undetermined sum.

Before closing the judge told Lohan, “Don't drive, you're in New York, you don't need to drive.” The judge also told her “this is it,” implying that if she weren't to comply with her conditions, she wouldn't get such a break next time. Judge Dabney also mentioned how her attorneys worked hard to get this offer under these terms, implying she is fortunate and should comply with the terms of the plea deal. Mark Heller, Lohan's New York attorney said his client was “extremely gratified with the end result.”

Outside the courthouse Heller said he's very confident that you won't be seeing Lindsay Lohan in any criminal courts in the near future. “She has fully recognized all of the issues that have to be addressed, and I'm very confident she'll be able to move forward in her life with dignity, pride and respect.”

Lindsay recently hired New York lawyer Mark Heller; however, when presiding Judge James Dabney required Heller to find a local attorney with knowledge and experience with the California justice system, he called California lawyer Anthony Falangetti of Falangetti & Weimortz. Attorney Falangetti was subsequently brought in by Lindsay and her legal team to help broker her deal and help facilitate the negotiation process, plea deal and subsequent no jail sentence Lohan was given.

Anthony J. Falangetti practices criminal defense with his partner Joseph Weimortz, Jr. and of counsel Thane D. Nored at Falangetti & Weimortz. Both Falangetti and Weimortz are former Deputy District Attorneys for the Los Angeles area, with Falangetti having served the District Attorney's Office for 14 years. Both attorneys are included in California's selection of *Super Lawyers*®, an achievement that no more than 5% of lawyers in the state obtain. As a Deputy D.A., Falangetti spent more than 8 years working in the elite Hardcore Gang Unit, in that capacity; he prosecuted more than 40 murder cases and tried over 25 of those before a jury. Today, Falangetti & Weimortz represents individuals facing a wide variety of charges ranging from domestic violence, to theft crimes, DUI, drug crimes, murder and everything in between. To arrange a free case evaluation with an attorney at the firm, call toll free at (888) 520-8567 or go online at <http://www.westcoastdefense.com>.

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