

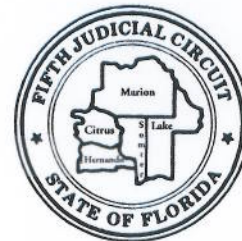


# STATE OF FLORIDA

FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS

CITRUS, HERNANDO, LAKE, MARION AND SUMTER COUNTIES



**Daniel B. Merritt, Sr.**  
Chief Judge

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Trial Court Administrator

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### **HERNANDO COUNTY**

**May 30, 2012**

Sentencing was held on Tuesday, May 30, 2012 in The State of Florida v. Deborah Ann Rusin. Judge Daniel B. Merritt, Sr. asked Rusin if she wanted to make any comments before he announced sentence. Ms. Rusin declined comment and faced the judge to hear her sentence.

Judge Merritt, Sr. sentenced Deborah Ann Rusin to three and one half years (42 months) in the Florida Department of Corrections for one count of exploitation of the elderly against Vito John Galoto. A jury found Rusin guilty of exploitation of the elderly on May 23, 2012 and she could have been given a sentence of up to five years in prison.

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