

Lawyer Arrested for Forging Judge's Signature to Get Client's Ankle Monitor Removed

Paul "Jake" York, an attorney in Georgia, is accused of forging not just a prosecutor's signature but also a judge's in the hopes of getting his client's ankle monitor taken off. "York's client, Valerie Ryals, was ordered to wear an electronic ankle monitor after she was arrested for aggravated stalking. That set back the single mom \$380 every two weeks, and York believed the charges against his client would ultimately be dismissed, so he asked assistant District Attorney Meredith Davis to sign off on bond modification," writes Kathryn Rubino in *Above the Law's Lethal Ethics*.

"York filed an order that would allow his client to remove the ankle monitor that purported to be signed by ADA Davis and Habersham County, Georgia Superior Court Judge B. Chan Caudell. Only problem, Caudell does not recall that at all and wasn't even able to sign the order the date it was dated."

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