

H. Z. Akers

Richfield, Utah. March 17, 1924.

Honorable Board of Pardons,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

In Re. Herschel Akers for
Pardon.

Gentlemen:

I have just learned that Herschel Akers has made
for pardon
application, and that the matter is soon to be considered by
the Board of Pardons.

I am the man to whom the fictitious check of \$5, that was the
cause of Mr. Akers' arrest, was given. As soon as I
discovered that the check was worthless, I reported it to the
Sheriff of this county, and with him went in pursuit of the
young man, apprehending him at Torey, Wayne County. When I
learned the whole truth about the matter, and the distressing
circumstances that led the boy to give me the fictitious check,
I did not want to have him prosecuted. For I am thoroughly
convinced that he is not a criminal at heart, but was the victim
of unfortunate circumstances.. He may be technically guilty,
but he is a long ways from being a criminal at heart. I do not
~~even~~ think he intended to defraud me even; but would have paid
the amount of the check back as soon as he could raise the
money. In the community where we apprehended him, I learned
that he had been a hard working boy, and that his reputation
in every sense was excellent.

I am by no means a man who is favorable to letting
real criminals escape the just punishment for their crimes;
but in this case, I am convinced that Mr. Akers is not a
real criminal, and I should be delighted to hear that the
Board of Pardons had acted favorably in his case, and that they
had granted him a pardon in such a way as to relieve the young
man from as much of the stigma of a felon as is possible.

Very respectfully,

Anthony Boyka