

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v

SHARON LOUISE CABOT,

Defendant-Appellant.

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December 13, 1996

No. 190052

St. Joseph County

LC No. 95-007899-FH

Before: Sawyer, P.J., and Markman and H.A. Koselka,* JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Defendant was convicted, following a jury trial, of conspiracy to commit arson of a dwelling. MCL 750.157a(a); MSA 28.354(1)(a) and MCL 750.72; MSA 28.267. She was sentenced to five years' probation, with three hundred days to be served in the county jail. She now appeals and we affirm.

Defendant's only argument on appeal is that she was denied the effective assistance of counsel because counsel stipulated to admission of the conviction of a codefendant for this offense. We disagree. In essence, defendant's defense was that the codefendant did, in fact, burn the house and that defendant was not involved; that defendant was, in fact, a victim of the codefendant as well. Accordingly, the decision to stipulate to the admission of the codefendant's conviction was a matter of sound trial strategy which we will not overturn. See *People v Pickens*, 446 Mich 298, 324-325; 521 NW2d 797 (1994).

Affirmed.

/s/ David H. Sawyer

/s/ Stephen J. Markman

/s/ Harvey A. Koselka

* Circuit judge, sitting on the Court of Appeals by assignment.

