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Lindsay Lohan defends obscene manicure but slams 'perverted' sentencing system

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Troubled Lindsay Lohan late Wednesday protested that her controversial obscene manicure "had nothing to do with court" -- as speculation mounted that the marking could lead to a separate charge for contempt.

At Tuesday's hearing, during which a sobbing Lohan was sentenced to 90 days in jail for drug and alcohol offenses, the movie star displayed a not-so-subtle message -- "f*** u" -- scrawled on her middle fingernail, made clearly visible thanks to photographers' telephoto lenses.

Lohan's choice of nail design led to a sea of speculation into the starlet's true level of remorse and could lead to a contempt charge -- with the threat of up to five more days in jail -- if the judge felt so inclined.

"She could have an entire extra sentence heaped on top of her current one. If the judge were angry enough, it could run even consecutively," New York City Public Defender Stacy Schneider told FOXNews.com

On Wednesday, Lohan, 24, took to Twitter to protest her innocence, writing to @liana_levi: "Didn't we do our nails as a joke with our friend dc? it had nothing to do w/court.. it's an airbrush design from a stencil xx"

The protest was followed with a string of further tweets apparently attacking the "constitutionally perverted" justice system.

"It is clearly stated in Article 5 of the U.N. Universal Declaration of Human Rights that ... 'No one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment,'" she first tweeted.

Moments later she wrote: "this was taken from an article by Erik Luna.. 'November 1 marked the 15th anniversary of the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines. But there were no ... celebrations, parades, or other festivities in honor of this punishment scheme created by Congress and the U.S. Sentencing Commission....'

"Instead, the day passed like most others during the last 15 years:Scores of federal defendants sentenced under a constitutionally perverted' ... system that saps moral judgment through its mechanical rules."

The strict jail sentence handed down Tuesday came as a surprise to Lohan, her attorney and her mother, who expressed her outrage while leaving the Los Angeles court.

"This is so not fair to do this to my child," a flabbergasted Dina Lohan told celebrity gossip website PopEater shortly after Judge Marsha Revel made the announcement.

The other half of the troubled actress' parental unit, Michael Lohan, was concerned for his daughter's health during her rehabilitation, which will likely involve using prescription drugs to wean her off of her addictions.

"These [prescription] drugs are killing my daughter and killing millions of kids in America, and someone has to stop it," Michael Lohan said. "Lindsay needs to go into a rehab that takes you off prescription drugs, not puts you on them."

Michael Lohan, who had a notoriously fractious relationship with his daughter but reportedly reconciled with her in recent weeks, was himself jailed twice before -- in 1990 for contempt of court relating to insider trading charges, and again in 2005 for DUI.

"I could imagine how it felt when I went to jail ... I used to look through cell bars and see [ex-wife] Dina walk away with Lindsay and [son] Michael in a stroller and holding their hands in the snow," he said to RadarOnline.

The former Disney child star must spend 90 days in jail and 90 days in an inpatient rehab program for violating the probation terms of her 2007 drug and alcohol case by not attending enough alcohol education classes. Her skipping of seven classes at Right On Programs, Inc., was a violation of her parole.

She must serve 30 days in jail for driving under the influence (DUI) and 30 days for reckless driving after her May 26, 2007 arrest. Revel also sentenced her to 30 additional days for her second DUI offense on July 24, 2007.

The star was ordered to surrender herself on July 20 at 8:30am local time and must wear an alcohol-monitoring bracelet until that time.

Various sources in the legal profession said it is unlikely that Lohan will be made to serve her entire sentence, estimating instead that she would only stay behind bars for 25 percent of the time.