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Defendant's Name: Anita Trask a/k/a Anita Kenyon
Age: 33
City and State of residence: Mitchell, SD
Criminal File Number: 14-479
Arrest Date: December 25, 2014
Indictment Date: January 12, 2015
Arraignment Date: January 26, 2015
Change of Plea Date: September 16, 2015
Convicted of: Ct.4) Possession of a Schedule 1 or 2 Controlled Substance,
SDCL 22-42-5, (F5)
Ct.5) Ingestion of a Schedule 1 or 2 Controlled Substance,
SDCL 22-42-5.1, (F5); and
Ct.7) Possession of Drug Paraphernalia in a Motor Vehicle,
SDCL 22-42A-3 & 32-12-52.3 (M2)
Date of Sentence: November 9, 2015
Arresting Officer: Deputy Stephanie Ryan – Union County Sheriff's Office

Case Synopsis:

On December 25, 2015, Anita Kenyon was stopped for speeding on Interstate 29. Kenyon was with her adult brother. While Kenyon had left her children at home in Mitchell, case information was developed to show that Kenyon and her brother were traveling to Nebraska to make a methamphetamine transaction. Deputy Ryan's canine partner alerted and indicated to the Kenyon vehicle for the presence of the odor of a substance in which the canine is trained to detect. A large amount of methamphetamine (3.655 ounces) was discovered under the seat of the vehicle. Kenyon and her brother were both handcuffed and in the back of the patrol vehicle at the time of the search and throughout the subsequent investigation. What is said inside the patrol car is often recorded. On this occasion, Kenyon and her brother can be heard talking about the drugs in the vehicle. Furthermore, in an attempt to hide and destroy evidence, was committed inside the patrol vehicle as Kenyon assisted in removing methamphetamine from her brother's pants and thereafter placed the methamphetamine in her brother mouth for him to ingest.

Later, while both were incarcerated and neither of them was able to make bond, Kenyon's brother made a phone call which is recorded and admitted that his sister had helped to take / destroy evidence by having him ingest a large amount of methamphetamine. He was seeking assistance to be bonded out because he was becoming ill due to the amount of methamphetamine that he had ingested. While Kenyon plead guilty, her brother has since absconded on the bond and an active warrant is out for his immediate arrest.

Sentencing Synopsis:

On Ct. 4) possession of controlled substance, a class 5 felony, the Court Ordered Kenyon to serve a suspended five year sentence with a term of supervised probation for four years. Kenyon was also ordered to serve thirty days in the Union County Jail with work release

privileges. Kenyon also received credit for the five days that she was incarcerated prior to this sentencing. Kenyon was also ordered to pay and / or do the following:

- Pay \$104.00 in Court Costs;
- Pay \$120.25 in Prosecution Costs;
- Pay \$146.00 in SD Drug Fund Fees; and
- Pay \$2587.50 in Court-Appointed Attorney Fees

On Ct. 5) ingestion of controlled substance, a class 5 felony, the Court Ordered Kenyon to serve a suspended five year sentence with a term of supervised probation for four years. Kenyon's sentence in count four shall also be consecutive to the Court's sentence in count 5. Kenyon was also ordered to pay and / or do the following:

- Pay \$104.00 in Court Costs;

On Ct. 7) possession of drug paraphernalia in a motor vehicle, a class 2 misdemeanor, the Court Ordered Kenyon that her South Dakota Driver's License would be revoked for a period of ninety days. Kenyon was also ordered to pay and / or do the following:

- Pay \$66.00 in Court Costs; and
- Pay \$250.00 in Prosecution Costs;

Criminal History:

This is Anita Kenyon's second and third career felony convictions. Kenyon's record shows multiple files involving drug arrests in which the prosecution in the state of California never followed through with the charges.