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Defendant's Name: James Daugherty
Age: 34
City and State of residence: Minot, ND
Criminal File Number: 15-303
Offense Occurred On: August 28, 2015
Indicted: September 16, 2015
Arrestment: September 28, 2015
Plead Guilty On: October 15, 2015
Convicted of: Ct. 1: Grand Theft by Receiving Stolen Property, (F4), 22-30A-7 &17
Sentencing Date: November 23, 2015
Arresting Officer: Officer Samantha Close – North Sioux City Police Department
Chief Richard Headid - North Sioux City Police Department
Court-Appointed Attorney: Rachel Rasmussen

Case Synopsis:

On August 28, 2015, North Sioux City officers began an investigation of a stolen 2014 Kawasaki Ninja with an approximate value of \$11,000. The motorcycle was found at the Days Inn parking lot. Officers worked with the management of the Days Inn to determine which room the driver of the stolen motorcycle was staying. The person in possession of the stole motorcycle was a James Daugherty of Minot, ND. Daugherty had several stories as to how he came in possession of the motorcycle. The North Sioux City Police Department checked bank records, contacted the rightful owner, and confirmed no payment on any of his bank accounts. Other explanations dealt with a misunderstanding between roommates; college buddies; and possible relationships issues between the owner, Daugherty and the owner's girlfriend. While the owner of the 2014 Kawasaki Ninja and Daugherty did know each other, the victim in this case was able to provide documentation that Daugherty required the victim to drive out to Sturgis to retrieve the motorcycle only to find out that Daugherty had no intention of showing up and returning the motorcycle. Through all of his lies and the fact that Daugherty was heading further away from returning the vehicle was the State's felony charges supported.

Sentencing Synopsis:

The Court ordered that Daugherty serve Eighty-seven days in the county jail with credit for the Seventy-three days that Daugherty served prior to the sentencing hearing. James Daugherty was further ordered to do pay the following:

- \$10.00 in Prosecution Costs;
- \$104.00 in Court Costs; and
- Court Appointed Attorney Fees in the amount of \$423.00

Criminal History:

This appears to be James Daugherty's fifth felony arrest and it appears to be his third career felony conviction.