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Defendant's Name: Jennifer Sanders
Age: 40
City and State of residence: Elk Point, SD
Criminal File Number: 15-241
Date of Offense: July 19, 2015
Date of Indictment: July 29, 2015
Date of Arraignment: September 14, 2015
Change of Plea Date: November 9, 2015
Convicted of: Ct. 1A: Driving Under the Influence (3rd), 32-23-4, (F6),
Date of Sentencing: December 21, 2015
Arresting Officer: Officer Kyle Frye – Elk Point Police Department
Court Appointed Attorney: Jeff Myers

Case Synopsis:

On July 19, 2015 at about 1:45 a.m. Officer Frye of the Elk Point Police Department observed a vehicle in which the driver was having difficulties negotiating turns. The driver would either cut a corner short of make a wide turn. The officer observed the driver on the shoulder of the road on two occasions. Furthermore, there were no plates on the vehicle. After the vehicle was stopped, the driver, Jennifer Sanders, advised that she was going to get her plates on Monday. The officer observed Sanders to display slurred speech; blood shot eyes; watery eyes; and the smell of intoxicants coming from the driver. Officer Frye conducted a DUI investigation and made an arrest for Driving while Under the Influence. A blood alcohol test was run on the Sanders' blood sample with a result of .193 % BAC. A person is presumed to be under the influence with a .08% BAC blood test result.

Sentencing Synopsis:

The court sentenced Jennifer Sanders to serve two years in the South Dakota State Penitentiary. The Court then suspended those two years under the terms and condition that Sanders successfully complete his three year term of supervised probation. Sanders was further ordered to serve sixty days in the Union County Jail as follows: One day starting December 29, 2015; Two days starting January 5, 2016; Two days starting January 12, 2016; Twenty-four days starting July 1, 2016; and thirty days starting January 1, 2017. Jennifer Sanders was fined \$500.00 along with his other monetary obligations. Jennifer Sanders driver's license has also been suspended for one year from the date that he finishes his jail sentence.

Criminal History:

This is Jennifer Sanders' third career felony conviction.