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Defendant's Name: John Baker

Age: 36

City and State of Residence: Sioux City, IA

Criminal File Number: 15-453

Incident Date: December 14, 2015 **Indictment Date:** January 11, 2016

1) Possession of Schedule 1 or 2 Controlled Substance (F5) Charges:

2) Ingestion (M1)

3) Possession of Marijuana, (M1)

4) Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (M2)

Arraignment Date: March 14, 2016 Change of Plea Date: April 4, 2016

Convicted of: 1) Possession of Schedule 1 or 2 Controlled Substance, (F5),

Date of Sentencing: April 4, 2016

Arresting Officer: Officer Jon Feller – North Sioux City, SD

Defense Attorney: Rachel Rasmussen Prosecutor: Alexis A. Tracy

Probation Violation Date: April 6, 2016 last contact

File Number: 15-453

1st Probation Offense: Baker never reported to his Iowa probation officer

Initial Appearance Date: June 20, 2016 Change of Plea: November 9, 2016 Disposition Date: December 9, 2016

Arresting Officer: Mindy Bottom – IA Court Service Officer

Clinton Meadows - SD Court Service Officer

Andrew Twinamatsiko Defense Attorney:

Prosecution: Alexis A. Tracy

Original Case Synopsis:

On December 14, 2016, the North Sioux City Police Department responded to the Reno Casino on a report of an individual who is believed to be mentally unstable. The reporting party advised that the person, latter identified as BAKER, was using three cell phones and that the person should be check on for his own protection. BAKER advised that he had lost his home in Sioux City, IA. A check on BAKER's status identified a valid warrant for his arrest. BAKER was arrested on the warrant. BAKER was found to be in possession of marijuana; drug

paraphernalia; and methamphetamine. BAKER provided a urine sample which tested positive for amphetamine at 17,804 ng/ml, and methamphetamine at 53,444 ng/ml.

Original Sentencing Synopsis:

On April 4, 2016, the Court addressed the class 5 felony charge in Count 1, for Possession of a Schedule 1 or 2 Controlled Substance. The Court considered the arguments of the State and the Defense, the Court being satisfied that the ends of justice and the best interests of the public as well as the Defendant will be served by the Court exercising judicial clemency and issued a Suspended Imposition of Sentence to BAKER. The Court further ordered that BAKER be placed on supervised probation for a term of four-years. The Court ordered that BAKER serve 45 days in the Union County Jail and suspended 2 days of that sentence. BAKER was then given credit for the 43 days that BAKER spent incarcerated prior to sentencing. BAKER was ordered to pay the following monetary obligations: \$104 in Court Costs; \$10 in prosecution costs; \$139 in fees to the SD Drug Fund; and a fine in the amount of \$500. BAKER's fine will be suspended upon the term and condition that BAKER obtain his chemical and mental health evaluations. BAKER was further ordered to pay \$598.90 in Court-Appointed Attorney Fees.

1st Probation Violation Synopsis:

BAKER was originally sentenced on April 4, 2016. He was approved to have his probation transferred to the state of Iowa on April 6, 2016. BAKER was never reported to his Iowa court services officer. BAKER absconded from his supervised probation and a warrant for his arrest was issued. BAKER was arrested and had his initial appearance on June 20, 2016.

1st Probation Violation Disposition Synopsis:

On November 21, 2016, the Court addressed the class 5 felony charge in Count 1, for Possession of a Schedule 1 or 2 Controlled Substance. The Court revoked BAKER's previously issued Suspended Imposition of Sentence. The Court further ordered that BAKER serve 193 days in the Union County Jail. The Court further gave BAKER credit for the 193 days that he previously served incarcerated prior to disposition. BAKER was ordered to pay the following monetary obligations: \$104 in Court Costs; \$10 in prosecution costs; \$139 in fees to the SD Drug Fund; and a fine in the amount of \$500. BAKER was further ordered to pay the following new monetary obligations: Court-Appointed attorney fees in the amount of 571.90; and new prosecution costs of \$1,250 for a competency evaluation. BAKER's previously suspended fine

was reinstated and Baker was required to spend 10 days in the Union County Jail at \$60 a day to be credited towards his fine.

Criminal History:This is BAKER's first career felony conviction.