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Defendant's Name: Vincent Jones
Age: 27
City and State of residence: Sioux City, IA
Criminal File Number: 16-150
Date of Offense: April 4, 2016
Date of Information: April 19, 2016
Date of Arraignment: April 25, 2016
Offense(s) Charged: Ct.1: Ingestion of a Schedule 1 or 2 Controlled Substance, 22-42-5.1, (F5)
Ct.2: Ingestion, 22-42-15, (M1)
Ct.3: Driving While Revoked, 32-12-65(1), (M1)
Ct.4: Failure to Register Vehicle, 32-5-2.4, (M2)
Ct.5: Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, 22-42A-3, (M2)
Change of Plea Date: August 15, 2016
Convicted of: Ct.1: Ingestion of a Schedule 1 or 2 Controlled Substance, 22-42-5.1, (F5)
Date of Sentencing: August 15, 2016
Officer: Deputy Stephanie Ryan – Union County Sheriff's Office
Officer Jon Feller – North Sioux City Police Department
Andrew Ryan – North Sioux City Police Department
Defense Attorney: Tom Frieberg
Prosecutor: Alexis Tracy

Case Synopsis:

On April 24, 2016, Deputy Stephanie Ryan with the Union County Sheriff's Office, stopped a vehicle with no license plates. The driver was identified as Vincent JONES. JONES admitted that he had recently consumed alcohol. JONES' license was also revoked due to a recent offense in court. JONES indicated that he may have a warrant for his arrest because he thought that he missed a court appearance. JONES also admitted that he smokes marijuana and that his urine would test positive for marijuana. JONES provided a urine sample that tested positive for marijuana (THC) at 455 ng/ml and amphetamine at 26,031 ng/ml and positive for methamphetamine at 240,180 ng/ml.

Kayla MOSSER was a passenger in the vehicle. MOSSER had a warrant for her arrest and admitted that she has a history of methamphetamine and marijuana use. Emily GOODTEACHER was another passenger in the vehicle who admitted to the officer that she last used methamphetamine earlier in the day before the officer stopped them. GOODTEACHER was arrested. The officers searched the vehicle and found .7 grams of methamphetamine, marijuana, and paraphernalia.

GODFREY was the last passenger in this vehicle. GODFREY admitted that she too had used methamphetamine, and that her urine would test positive for methamphetamine. GODFREY provided a urine sample that tested positive for amphetamine at 2,601 ng/ml and positive for methamphetamine at 40,705 ng/ml.

Sentencing Synopsis:

On August 15, 2016, the Court sentenced Vincent Jones on the class 5 felony charge of ingestion of a schedule 1 or 2 controlled substance. The Court considered the arguments of the State and the Defense, and found good cause to depart from presumptive probation. The Court cited that JONES has at least two prior felony convictions; with a criminal history of violent offenses; that JONES has acquired a new Burglary charge while this case was pending; and that instead of pursuing efforts to better himself prior to sentencing JONES obtained new offenses and has failed to appear at regular court hearing. The Court determined that JONES is risk to the public and that he would not be a good candidate for probation. The Court sentenced JONES to a 2-year sentence to the penitentiary. JONES was further given credit for 56 days spent incarcerated prior to sentencing. JONES was ordered to pay \$104 in Court Costs; \$67.50 dollars to the South Dakota Drug Control Fund; and \$979.50 to the county for his Court Appointed Attorney Fees. JONES was required to be held at the union county's jail until he can be transported to the South Dakota State Penitentiary.

Criminal History:

This is JONES's third career felony conviction.