
November 3, 2017

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Defendant's Name: Todd Matney-Cooper
Age: 45
State of residence: Sergeant Bluff, IA
Criminal File Number: 17-073
Incident Date: March 1, 2015 through April 30, 2015
Complaint Filed: March 7, 2017
Arraignment Hearing: April 24, 2017
Charges Files: Ct. 1: First Degree Rape, SDCL 22-22-1 (FC) Life/50
Ct. 2: First Degree Rape, SDCL 22-22-1 (FC) Life/50
Ct. 3: First Degree Rape, SDCL 22-22-1 (FC) Life/50
Ct. 4: Sexual Contact with a person under the age of Sixteen, SDCL 22-22-7 (F3) 15/30
Ct. 5: Sexual Contact with a person under the age of Sixteen, SDCL 22-22-7 (F3) 15/30
Ct. 6: Sexual Contact with a person under the age of Sixteen, SDCL 22-22-7 (F3) 15/30
Change of Plea Date: August 28, 2017
Date of Sentencing: October 23, 2017
Convicted of: Ct. 6: Sexual Contact with a person under the age of Sixteen, SDCL 22-22-7 (F3) 15/30
Arresting Officer: Chief Deputy Mike Bucholz - UCSO;
Defense Attorney: Jason Rumpca
Prosecution Attorney: Jason Ravensborg

Case Synopsis:

On February 7, 2017, Chief Deputy Mike Bucholz of the Union County Sheriff's Office, started an investigation in regards to T.B., an 8 year old girl, who had reported to her mother and to her grandmother that she had been sexually assaulted by her grandmother's live-in boyfriend, Todd Matney-Cooper. T.B. was forensically interviewed by the Child Advocacy Center in Sioux City, Iowa. T.B. described three separate instances of sexually assault.

T.B. reported that the first assault occurred at the grandmother's home in Jefferson, South Dakota, where Todd Matney-Cooper came into T.B.'s bedroom while she was asleep and T.B. awoke to Todd Matney-Cooper touching T.B. and going down her pajama bottoms with his hand. T.B, then reported that she was allowed to go to the bathroom where Todd Matney-Cooper pulled his pants down and made her put his penis in her mouth. Afterwards, T.B. reported that she was allowed to go back into the bedroom where Todd Matney-Cooper again laid down on the bed and placed his mouth and tongue on her vagina.

Sentencing Synopsis:

The Court sentenced Todd Matney-Cooper at on the October 23, 2017, in Count 6: Sexual Contact with a person under the age of Sixteen, a violation of SDCL 22-22-7, a class 3 felony. The Sentenced Todd Matney-Cooper to a Fifteen (15) year sentence to the South Dakota State Penitentiary. Todd Matney-Cooper was given credit for Two Hundred and Twenty-Nine (229) days that he served prior to sentencing. Todd Matney-Cooper was ordered to follow the following terms and conditions:

1. The Defendant shall be required to complete intensive, group based sex offender specific treatment with a qualified provider.
2. The Defendant shall have no contact with any person under the age of eighteen (18) years of age unless approved by his parole officer, treatment providers, court services officer or appropriate Department of Corrections personnel involved in his case deem this to be appropriate.
3. The Defendant shall be required to complete a sexual history polygraph to establish a baseline for his sex offender treatment. Furthermore, maintenance polygraphs are encouraged as part of any community reintegration and outpatient treatment plan.
4. The Defendant shall not be allowed any use or exposure to pornography, erotica, or access to the internet. The defendant shall not be allowed to use or possess any technological media that may afford him access to the Internet, such as cell phones with picture/texting capabilities.
5. The Defendant shall not use, purchase, or possess any forms of alcohol, drugs, or other mood-altering substances except those prescribed by a licensed physician. Additionally, the Defendant shall seek a drug and alcohol evaluation to determine further treatment needed in this area.
6. The Defendant shall follow up with a mental health professional to discuss his reported feelings of depression and anxiety as evidenced by his heightened Beck Anxiety Inventory score. The defendant's treatment should focus not only on Todd's presented symptoms of anxiety and depression but also on the Defendant's past suicidal ideations.
7. The Defendant shall have no contact with T.C.
8. The Defendant shall have no contact with T. W.
9. The Defendant shall have no contact with M.G.

10. The Defendant shall have no contact with T.B.

11. The Defendant shall be required to register as a sex offender.

The Court further ordered that Todd Matney-Cooper pay Court Costs of One Hundred-four (\$104.00) Dollars; and prosecution costs of \$1,944.64 to Union County for the psycho sexual examination fee paid to Union County.

Todd Matney-Cooper is further required to pay Court Appointed Attorneys Fees in the amount of three thousand eight hundred and eighty-six dollars and ninety cents (\$3,886.90). The Court awarded the county a Judgment for said Court Appointed Attorney Fees in this matter.

Criminal History Synopsis:

This is Todd Matney-Cooper's first felony conviction in South Dakota. The State's case included allegations that this was not the first instance in which Todd Mantney-Cooper had abused a child. The Court, in its sentencing order, protected the other potential victims as part of the terms and conditions of the Court's sentence.