
April 3, 2017

Press Release - For Immediate Release

Defendant's Name: Ronald Powers
Age: 67
State of residence: SD
Criminal File Number: 16-388
Incident Date: August 11, 2016
Indictment Date: November 2, 2016
Arraignment Hearing: November 28, 2016
Change of Plea Date: February 6, 2017
Date of Sentencing: March 6, 2017
Convicted of: Ct. 1: Ingestion of a Schedule I or II Controlled Substance, F5 5/10
Arresting Officer: Chief Rich Headid - NSCPD
Defense Attorney: Jeffrey Myers
Prosecution Attorney: Jerry A. Miller

Case Synopsis:

On August 11, 2016, Chief Richard Headid was advised by Court Service Officer Kelly Gregg, that she was going to the residence of 120 Merrill Avenue to look for the Defendant, Ronald Powers. Upon making contact with Powers, Chief Headid advised Powers that due to his Probation Conditions he was required to provide a urine sample. That urine sample tested positive for Methamphetamine, at a level of 1,760 ng/ml and Powers was later indicted for ingestion of a schedule I or II controlled substance, a class 5 felony on November 2, 2016. Powers was found guilty of this charge.

Sentencing Synopsis:

Ronald Powers was found guilty of Ct.1, ingestion of a schedule 1 or 2 controlled substance. The Court sentenced Powers on Ct.1, the class 5 felony offense of ingestion of a schedule 1 or 2 controlled substance to a five-year suspended sentence to the South Dakota State Penitentiary. Powers sentence was suspended on the terms and conditions that he satisfy the terms of his three-year term of supervised probation. Powers was also sentenced to serve 30 days in the Union County Jail. The Court ordered that Beavers shall serve 30 days on March 1, 2018. The Court ordered that Beavers shall pay the following: \$104 in Court Costs; \$20 in Prosecution Costs; \$90 to the SD Drug Control Fund; \$300 in fines; and \$647.50 in Court-Appointed Attorney Fees.

Criminal History Synopsis:

This is Ronald Powers first career felony conviction. Powers' other criminal offenses include misdemeanors, with the most recent being a DUI 2nd in 2006.