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Defendant's Name: Nicholas Godden
Age: 22
City and State of residence: Sioux City, IA
Criminal File Number: 14-022
Convicted of: Poss. of Schedule I or II Controlled Substance (two Counts), 22-42-5,
(F5)
Date of Sentence: May 19, 2014
Arresting Officer: Eric Fay, North Sioux City Police Officer, & K-9 handler

Case Synopsis:

In this case Nicholas Godden was driving a vehicle with substitute license plates. This is to say that the plates on the vehicle did not belong to the vehicle they were attached to. Godden did not possess a valid driver's license. Officer Fay deployed his canine partner around the vehicle. The narcotics trained canine alerted and indicated to Godden's vehicle. Godden was arrested and transported to the Union County Jail. While in custody, Godden called his mother and informed her to go the hotel that he was staying at and pick up the items that he left behind. When the Jailer at the Union County Jail heard what was going on, the jailer informed law enforcement, and law enforcement went to the hotel. After gaining consent from the hotel manager and the person whom the room was rented to the police were able to search the room and confiscate both the drug paraphernalia and methamphetamine.

Sentencing Synopsis:

On the Count III, Possession of Schedule I or II Controlled Substance (Meth), Nicholas Godden was sentenced to a suspended five (5) year sentence with thirty (30) days in the Union County Jail. Godden was also required to satisfy five (5) years of supervised probation.

On the Count IV, Possession of Schedule I or II Controlled Substance (Meth), Nicholas Godden was sentenced to a suspended five (5) year sentence with five (5) years supervised probation. Both sentences are to run concurrent to one another. The Court further Ordered that Godden is to pay all of his financial obligations including fines, court costs, prosecution costs, and court-appointed attorney's fees as a condition of satisfying his supervised probation.

Criminal History:

This is Nicholas Godden's first felony conviction.