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Defendant's Name: Blaine Knutson
Age: 24
City and State of residence: Viborg, SD
Criminal File Number: 10-424
Convicted of: Probation Violation # 3
Original Charge: Possession of a Controlled Substance (F4), 22-42-5
Date of Sentence: December 9, 2013
Arresting Officer: Deputy Steven Luke, Turner County Sheriff's Office
Court Service Officer Jerry Hofer

Case Synopsis:

On November 29, 2013, Knutson was cited for leaving the scene of an accident after wrecking his vehicle in Turner County. On the same night right across from where Knutson went into the ditch and left the scene of an accident, the residence reported that their vehicle had been stolen out of their garage. Knutson also blew a .05 after Turner County Deputy Steven Luke administered a PBT at Knutson's residence; furthermore, the Defendant admitted to the Deputy that he had been drinking alcohol in violation of his probation. Additionally, Knutson was required to provide urine samples on a regular basis through the Glory House in Sioux Falls, SD. Knutson repeatedly tested positive for marijuana, occasionally for Benzodiazepine, and Methamphetamine.

Sentencing Synopsis:

On a probation violation, the Court is able to resentence a defendant up to the maximum amount allowed under the original sentence. In this case the Court resented Knutson to a sentence of seven years in the state penitentiary with two years suspended. The Court further ordered that Knutson must pay all fines, court costs, prosecution costs, and court-appointed attorney fees as a term and condition of satisfying parole.

Criminal History Synopsis:

According to the Defendant's criminal history report this is Mr. Knutson's second career felony conviction.