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Defendant's Name: Cory Venables
Age: 26
City and State of residence: Yankton, SD
Criminal File Number: 13-177
Convicted of: Aggravated Eluding of a Law Enforcement Officer - (F5) 32-33-18.2
Habitual Offender Information Filed (Upgrading the F6 felony to a F5)
Reckless Driving – (M1) 32-24-1
Date of Sentence: January 13, 2014
Arresting Officer: Jacob Limoges – Elk Point Police Department

Case Synopsis:

On June 14, 2013 at 12:06 a.m., when officer Limoges was conducting stationary RADAR when he was able to hear a vehicle coming towards him. Officer Limoges identified the loud music coming from a vehicle approximately five blocks away. When officer Limoges attempted to pull the vehicle over, the driver drove down Main Street at speeds in excess of 80 miles per hours until the vehicle lost control and crashed into a house. The Driver of the vehicle left the vehicle and eluded the officer on foot. Cory Venables was later found with the help of this girlfriend who informed law enforcement that he was waiting at Jones Grocery store for his girlfriend to come and pick him up. Officer's worked with Venables' girlfriend in tracking Venables. Law Enforcement explained the issue of aiding and abetting in a felony was itself a felony. Venables' girlfriend was not charged. The State filed a habitual offender's information on this file alleging that Venables had been convicted of two prior felony charges.

Sentencing Synopsis:

On the charge of aggravated eluding of a law enforcement officer, the Court sentenced Venables to a suspended five-year sentence with five years of supervised probation. Venables was ordered to serve one hundred and eight days in the Union County Jail and suspended ninety of those days. The Court further ordered that Venables must pay all, restitution, fines, court costs, prosecution costs, and court-appointed attorney fees as a term and condition of satisfying probation.

On the charge of reckless driving, the Court ordered that Venables must pay additional fines, and court costs, as a term and condition of satisfying probation.

Criminal History Synopsis:

This is Venables third career felony.