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Defendant's Name: Joseph Carlson
Age: 26
City and State of residence: Sioux City, IA
Criminal File Number: 13-341
Convicted of: Ingestion of a Schedule 1 or 2 Controlled Substance - (F5) 22-42-5.1
Date of Sentence: January 27, 2014
Arresting Officer: Aaron Tyler – North Sioux City Police Officer

Case Synopsis:

On October 19, 2013, Carlson was driving on SD Hwy 105. Carlson missed his turn and started to back up on the highway, which was observed by law enforcement. Carlson agreed to allow the officer to search his person and the officer found marijuana. Carlson also gave consent to allow the officer to search the vehicle. Officer Tyler found a marijuana pipe in Carlson's vehicle. Carlson provided a urine sample, which tested positive for methamphetamine at 9,700 ng/ml amphetamine at 1,000 ng/ml, and marijuana (THC) at 213 ng/ml. Carlson admitted that he had used methamphetamine in order to stay awake and work longer.

Sentencing Synopsis:

On the charge of Ingestion of a Schedule 1 or 2 Controlled Substance, the Court sentenced Carlson to a suspended five-year sentence to the South Dakota State Penitentiary and five years of supervised probation. The Court also ordered that Carlson spend ninety days in the Union County Jail at split over various times to insure that Carlson stays motivated on being successful during his probation. The Court further ordered that Carlson must pay all, fines, court costs, prosecution costs, and court-appointed attorney fees as a term of completing his penitentiary sentence and as a condition of satisfying parole.

Criminal History Synopsis:

This is Carlson's second career felony conviction.