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Defendant's Name: Joshua Hamilton
Age: 24
City and State of residence: Beresford, SD
Criminal File Number: 13-302
Convicted of: Ingestion of Controlled Substance – Meth - (F5) 22-42-5.1
Grand Theft by Obtaining Property w/ False Credit Card – (M6) 22-30A-8.1
Date of Sentence: January 13, 2014
Arresting Officer: Chief Deputy Mike Bucholz – Union County Sheriff's Office

Case Synopsis:

On September 16, 2013, Joshua Hamilton was arrested pursuant to an investigation involving an employee of a door-to-door frozen-meat sales person who was found to have obtained the credit card of a Union County resident to purchase meat. Hamilton retained the card information and over the course of about a month he turned in fraudulent purchase orders to his supervisor in order to obtain more products from his supervisor and unjustified commissions from the fraudulent sales. While the original victim, the Union County resident, was made whole by her credit card company. The employer was out \$1,926. When officers arrested Hamilton, methamphetamine was found in his company work truck. Officers were unable to find the misappropriated meat. Hamilton provided a urine sample which tested positive for the following: Methamphetamine at 53,000 ng/ml; Amphetamine at 14,000 ng/ml; and Marijuana (THC) at 257 ng/ml.

Sentencing Synopsis:

On the charge of possession of controlled substance, the Court sentenced Hamilton to a suspended five-year sentence with five years of supervised probation.

On the charge of grand theft by obtaining property with a false credit card, the Court sentenced Hamilton with an additional suspended two-year sentence with two years of supervised probation along with additional fines and court costs. The Court further ordered that Hamilton must pay all, restitution, fines, court costs, prosecution costs, and court-appointed attorney fees as a term and condition of satisfying probation.

Criminal History Synopsis:

This is Hamilton's first and second career felony convictions.