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Defendant's Name: Bamner Sarceno-Meda
Age: 27
City and State of residence: Sioux Falls, SD
Criminal File Number: 14-162
Offenses Charged: Ct. 1: Possession of a Schedule I or II Controlled Substance, a violation of SDCL 22-42-5 (F5) 5/10 (Methamphetamine)
Ct. 2: Open Container in a Motor Vehicle 35-1-9.1 (M2)
Offense Admitted to: Ct. 1: Possession of a Schedule I or II Controlled Substance, a violation of SDCL 22-42-5 (F5) 5/10
Date of Arrest: May 17, 2014
Date of Indictment: June 25, 2014
Date of Arraignment: July 21, 2014
Change of Plea Date: November 24, 2014
Date of Sentence: November 24, 2014
Arresting Officer: Trooper Brandon Hansen – South Dakota Highway Patrol
Trooper Jason Husby – South Dakota Highway Patrol

Case Synopsis:

On or about May 17, 2014, Trooper Husby identified a vehicle on I-29 northbound traveling over the posted speed limit of 75 mph. Trooper Husby initiated his lights and siren and started to pursue the vehicle for miles. The suspect vehicle reached speeds of 102 mph at times before it finally submitted to the traffic stop. The driver of the vehicle was identified as a Alexander Rivera, and the passenger was identified as Bamner Sarceno-Meda. The vehicle had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage and both the driver and the passenger were extremely nervous. The passenger had a belt buckle that displayed a marijuana leaf. The driver indicated that the vehicle belonged to his girlfriend but he could not recall her name. Trooper Hanson arrived to assist and through his contact with Rivera, methamphetamine was found on his person. Trooper Husby asked Bamner Sarceno-Meda to empty his pockets out, and Bamner Sarceno-Meda pulled lose methamphetamine out of his pocket and was dropping the meth rocks / crystals on the ground in an attempt to destroy the evidence. Both were arrested.

Sentencing Synopsis:

On the class 5 felony charge of possession of a controlled substance, Bamner Sarceno-Meda admitted to offense on November 24, 2014. During the sentencing hearing phase of this file, the Court granted Bamner Sarceno-Meda a suspended imposition of sentence. Under this legal process, if Bamner Sarceno-Meda satisfies the terms and conditions of supervised probation the court will seal Bamner Sarceno-Meda's criminal file on this charge. Bamner Sarceno-Meda was also ordered to pay his court costs, prosecution costs, and fine. Bamner Sarceno-Meda was further ordered to pay all of his financial obligations as part of the terms of his supervised probation requirements.