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Defendant's Name: Casey Meyers
Age: 32
Residence: Sioux City, IA
Criminal File Number: 14-268
Convicted of: Ct. 4: 2nd Degree Robbery (F4) 22-30-7 & Habitual (F4 to F3)
Date of Offense: June 28, 2014
Indictment Date: July 16, 2014
Arraignment Date: July 21, 2014
Change of Plea Date: September 15, 2014
Date of Sentence: November 17, 2014 @ 10:30 a.m.
Arresting Officer: Deputy Mike Bucholz – Union County Sheriff's Office
SA Brian Schnabel – South Dakota Division of Criminal Justice
Bond: \$25,000 Cash / Surety

Case Synopsis:

On June 28, 2014 it was reported that five individuals forced themselves into the apartment of the victim, who is a father and lives with his two children. Each of the five individuals had a mask over their face from the nose down. Casey Meyers was identified as one of the five individuals involved in this crime. One or more of the five individuals held the victim up against the wall while others secured the doorway and others searched the residence for valuables. Victim described most of the individuals as being young, and the victim was able to identify the vehicle that group left in. The vehicle involved in this incident belonged to Casey Meyers.

The investigation into this matter identified all five of the individuals that participated in the following offenses:

Count 1, 2 nd Degree Kidnapping	F3 (For the victim - father)
Count 2, 2 nd Degree Kidnapping	F3 (For the victim father's minor son)
Count 3, 2 nd Degree Kidnapping	F3 (For the victim father's minor daughter)
Count 4, 2 nd Degree Robbery	F4
Count 5, 2 nd Degree Burglary	F3
Count 6, 1 st Degree Petty Theft	M1

The investigation identified that Austin Case had some illegal dealings with the victim's adult son who does not live with the victim in this case. The victim's son apparently stole money from Austin Case in a failed drug transaction in Woodbury County Iowa. Case knew this and made several threatening statements to the person who had ripped him off and indicated that his father would suffer if he was not reimbursed the money that he was out. Case's threats were ignored. Case and his group made good on his threats against the father by perpetrating the acts which resulted in the above-mentioned charges. Austin Case is the step-son to Casey Meyers. Casey Meyers admitted to assisting his step-son in the commission of the above-mentioned acts and by providing material support in the commission of the acts. Furthermore, he aided and abetted the group members in preventing their detection and capture.

Sentencing Synopsis:

On count four, for the charge of Robbery, the Court sentenced Casey Meyers to the South Dakota State Penitentiary for eighteen months. Meyers received credit for the twenty five days he was incarcerated prior to being sentenced. Meyers was also ordered to pay his court costs, prosecution costs, and repay Union County for providing him a court-appointed attorney.

Criminal History:

This is Casey Meyers' third career felony conviction, with previous felony conviction in 2001 and 2004. Meyers' criminal history includes crimes of dishonesty, willful injury, and burglary charges. The habitual information in this file that Meyers admitted to increased his class 4 felony up to a class 3 felony.

The maximum sentence on a class 3 felony is 15 years in the state penitentiary or a fine of \$30,000 dollars or both. Robbery is considered a violent criminal act.