

January 26, 2015

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Defendant's Name: Katrina Ferdig
Age: 50
Residence: Ponca, SD
Criminal File Number: 14-321
Charges: Ct. 1: Possession of Schedule I or II Controlled Substance (F5)
Ct. 2: Possession of Marijuana (½ a pound) (M1)
Ct. 3: Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (M2)
Habitual Offender Info: Increase all felony offense by one level.
Date of Offense: August 26, 2014
Indicted: September 3, 2014
Arrestment Date: September 15, 2014
Change of Plea Date: November 24, 2014
Date of Sentence: January 5, 2015
Convicted of: Ct. 1: Possession of Schedule I or II Controlled Substance (F5)
Arresting Officer: Officer Aaron Tyler – North Sioux City Police Department
Deputy Stephanie Ryan – Union County Sheriff's Office (K9-unit)

Case Synopsis:

On August 26, 2014 Officer Aaron Tyler observed Katrina Ferdig's vehicle traveling Southbound on Interstate 29 as Ferdig crossed the fog line twice in a short period of time. Officer Tyler identified that Ferdig had a valid arrest warrant for her. During the search, officers found a scale disguised as a CD case, a glass methamphetamine pipe, a hidden bag of marijuana and a second hidden methamphetamine pipe. Ferdig possessed methamphetamine which was present on the items found in her possession. Katrina Ferdig provided a urine sample which tested positive for amphetamine at 1,769 ng/ml and methamphetamine at 28,692 ng/ml. The above charges were the result of the evidence discovered during this contact.

Sentencing Synopsis:

On count one, Possession of a Schedule 1 or 2 Controlled Substance, Katrina Ferdig admitted to the possession of a methamphetamine, a schedule 2 controlled substance, on November 24, 2014. The State dismissed the balance of the charges and the habitual offender Information. The Court did not find aggravating circumstances in this file and imposed a mandatory probation pursuant to the statutory presumptive probation requirements with a five year suspended sentence to the South Dakota State Penitentiary with a requirement to satisfy a four year term of supervised probation.

Criminal History:

This is Katrina Ferdig's second career felony conviction.