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## Press Release - For Immediate Release

Defendant's Name: Wyatt Larson  
Age: 26  
Residence: Fargo, ND  
Criminal File Number: 14-218  
Charges: Ct. 1A: Aggravated Assault (F2)  
Ct. 1B: Aggravated Assault (F3)  
Ct. 2: Possession of a Scheduled 1 or 2 Controlled Substance (F5)  
Ct. 3: Ingestion of a Scheduled 1 or 2 Controlled Substance (F5)  
Ct. 4: Reckless Discharge of Firearm (M1)  
Date of Offense: June 24, 2014  
Arrestment Date: July 21, 2014  
Change of Plea Date: September 15, 2014  
Suspended Imposition: November 3, 2014  
Convicted of: Ct. 2: Possession of a Scheduled 1 or 2 Controlled Substance (F5)  
Ct. 3: Ingestion of a Scheduled 1 or 2 Controlled Substance (F5)  
Ct. 4: Reckless Discharge of Firearm (M1)  
Arresting Officer: SA Ryan Pennock – SD Division of Criminal Investigation  
Sheriff Dan Limoges – Union County Sheriff

### Case Synopsis:

On June 24, 2014 law enforcement was called to a location near the intersection of 330<sup>th</sup> Street and 484<sup>th</sup> avenue near Jefferson SD. A subject was reported to be discharging an AK 47 assault rifle in the air and cursing at people in their vehicles as they pass. Sheriff Limoges was the first officer on the scene and confronted Larson. Larson, who was armed with an AK 47 assault rifle, started walking towards Sheriff Limoges' patrol vehicle all the while pointing the assault rifle at Sheriff Limoges. Sheriff Limoges used the public announcement system in his patrol vehicle to direct Wyatt Larson to disarm. Sheriff Limoges took cover behind his patrol vehicle. Larson did finally disarm as directed by Sheriff Limoges without the use of force or incident. It was determined that Larson had discharged thirty rounds prior to law enforcement's arrival. Sheriff Limoges indicated that Wyatt Larson appeared to be agitated and under the influence.

Further investigation revealed that Larson and his girlfriend, and his girlfriend's child, decided to travel from the Fargo, ND area to the Oklahoma City, OK area. The reason for this trip was to purchase a large amount of methamphetamine for the two of them. Larson and his girlfriend had several thousand dollars and the assault rifle. According Larson, they brought the rifle in case they needed it for their own protection. Larson also said that he obliterated the serial number on the assault rifle to trade for more drugs if their safety was not a concern. Once they reached the Oklahoma City area they meet with a gang member who provided Wyatt Larson with sizable amount of methamphetamine. However, Larson's girlfriend and her daughter decided to stay with the gang member willingly. Larson was on his third day of travel after purchasing the methamphetamine. Larson admitted that he had been binging on the methamphetamine for three days straight. Larson told officials that when he stopped in the Jefferson area, it was because due

to his three day binge of methamphetamine, he thought he was being followed by the gang members.

Wyatt Larson mental and medical needs were addressed. Larson provided a urine sample which tested positive for amphetamine at 1,368 ng/ml and methamphetamine at 5,097 ng/ml. The above charges were the result of the evidence discovered during this contact.

**Sentencing Synopsis:**

On September 15, 2014, Wyatt Larson admitted to the following charges: Count Two, Possession of a Scheduled 1 or 2 Controlled Substance; Count Three, Ingestion of a Scheduled 1 or 2 Controlled Substance; and Count Four, Reckless Discharge of Firearm. The State dismissed the balance of the charges in exchange for Larson pleading guilty to the three charges as stated above. At the scheduled sentencing hearing, the Court exercised its judicial discretion and imposed a suspended imposition of sentence with an obligation of supervised probation for five years. If Larson satisfies his probation the court will seal this criminal file and all three felony offenses. However, if Larson violates his probation, the court may revoke the suspended imposition of sentence which will allow the court to re-sentence Larson.