
October 20, 2014

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Defendant's Name: Nora Taylor
Age: 56
City and State of residence: Wagner, SD
Criminal File Number: 14-133
Charged with: Ct 1: Possession of Controlled Substance 22-42-5 (F5) 5/10
Ct 2: Ingestion of a Controlled Substance 22-42-5.1 (F5) 5/10
Ct 3: Possession of Drug Paraphernalia 22-42A-3 (M2) 30/500
Ct 4: No Valid Driver's License 32-12-22 (M2) 30/500
Incident Date: April 30, 2014
Indictment Date: May 7, 2014
Arraignment Date: May 19, 2014
Change of Plea Date: August 18, 2014
Sentencing Date: October 20, 2014
Convicted of: Ct 2: Ingestion of a Controlled Substance 22-42-5.1 (F5) 5/10
Arresting Officer: Officer Eric Faye – North Sioux City Police Department
Defendant's Attorney: Terry L. Pechota

Case Synopsis:

On April 30, 2014 Nora Taylor was pulled over for swerving within the lane. Then Taylor admitted to not having a license due to the fact that it was suspended. While Officer Fay was conducting the interview, Fay noticed that the Taylor and the co-defendant, Thomsen story wasn't matching up. Officer Fay asked if he could search the vehicle and both said "No." Due to the suspiciousness of the stories between Taylor and Thomsen, Officer Fay used his police service dog to conduct an open air search around the vehicle. Officer Fay's dog "Garzo" alerted and indicated the vehicle. Because Garzo indicated, a vehicle search was conducted and methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia was found. Taylor's provided a urine sample for testing and tested positive for methamphetamine.

Sentencing Synopsis:

On the charge of ingestion of a schedule 1 or 2 controlled substance, Nora Taylor received a five (5) year suspended sentence and a requirement to successfully complete four (4) years of supervised probation. The court further ordered that Taylor serve nine (9) days in the Union County Jail and then gave Taylor credit for the nine (9) days she spent incarcerated prior to being sentenced. Taylor was required to pay all, restitution, fine, court costs, and prosecution costs, as well as her court-appointed attorney fees.

Criminal History:

This is Nora Taylor's third career felony conviction.