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Defendant's Name: Daniel Steinhausen
Age: 18
City and State of residence: Elk Point, SD
Criminal File Number: 14-247
Offenses Charged: Ct. 1) 3rd Degree Burglary F5
Ct. 2) 2nd Degree Petty Theft M2
Incident Date: May 11, 2014 – May 18, 2014
Date of Arrest: July 5, 2014
Date of Indictment: July 16, 2014
Date of Arraignment: August 18, 2014
Date of Sentence: November 3, 2014
Convicted of (Offer): Ct. 1) 3rd Degree Burglary ~ SDCL 22-32-8 (F5)
Arresting Officer: Officer Kyle Frye – Elk Point Police Department;
Sgt. Jacob Limoges – Elk Point Police Department.
Bond: \$2,500 Cash and / or Surety
Defendant's Attorney: Rachel Rasmussen - Appointed

Case Synopsis:

The police report identifies a case of a burglary into a storage shed in which Daniel Steinhausen entered Buck and Nancy Lanning's storage shed for the specific intent to steal their riding lawnmower. Steinhausen noted that he knew the lawnmower was in the shed when he was employed by a local lawn mowing company which gave him access to the contents of the shed. Steinhausen took the mower and began to modify the mower by painting flames on the mower. Steinhausen had heard from a person who was cooperating with law enforcement that law enforcement was in the process of obtaining a search warrant. This same person and Steinhausen's step-father quickly loaded the lawn mower in the back of his pickup and proceeded to drive the mower a short distance out-of-town and dumped the mower in a bean field. A law enforcement officer observed Steinhausen driving out-of-town with the mower in the back of his pickup. The mower was later found in the bean field just out-side of Elk Point.

Sentencing Synopsis:

On the charge of 3rd degree burglary, Daniel Steinhausen received a five (5) year suspended sentence and was placed on supervised probation for a term of four (4) years. The Court further ordered that the defendant pay a seven hundred dollar fine and ordered that Steinhausen serve ninety (90) days in the Union County Jail. Steinhausen was immediately taken into custody following the sentencing hearing. Steinhausen was further ordered to pay all of his financial obligations as part of the terms of his supervised probation requirements.

Criminal History Synopsis:

This is Daniel Steinhausen's first career felony conviction.