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## Press Release - For Immediate Release

Defendant's Name: Hope March  
Age: 24  
City and State of residence: Sioux City, IA  
Criminal File Number: 14-020  
Convicted of: Ingestion of a Schedule 1 or 2 Controlled Substance (F5) 22-42-5.1  
Date of Sentencing: March 17, 2014  
Arresting Officer: Officer Eric Faye – North Sioux City Police Department

### Case Synopsis:

On January 18, 2014, the North Sioux City Officer, Eric Faye, pulled over a vehicle driven by Nicolas Godden for expired license plates. Godden was also driving on a suspended license. Several bags of methamphetamine and paraphernalia were found in the vehicle. Hope Marsh was a passenger in the vehicle and she admitted that she had recently used marijuana. Neither Marsh nor Godden admitted to the knowing possession of methamphetamine. Both Godden and Marsh were arrested and transported to the Union County Jail. While in route to the jail, Godden admitted that the methamphetamine was his. Both agreed to provide a urine sample. Marsh's urine sample tested positive for 144 ng/ml for marijuana; 82,000 ng/ml of methamphetamine; and 10,000 ng/ml of amphetamine.

After arriving at the jail, Godden called his mother from the jail, a line that is recorded, and asked his mother to go to clean out the hotel room from the items that he did not want anyone to know about. North Sioux City Officer's listened to the phone call and responded to the hotel. Officer's determined that the room was past its checkout time and that the room was no longer paid for, therefore the hotel provided access to the room without a warrant. Officer recovered more methamphetamine and paraphernalia. While at the room, Godden's mother arrived and was questioned. Further investigation in to this situation places Godden and Marsh in the room the day prior to this arrest.

Marsh admitted to the charge of possession of a schedule 1 or 2 controlled substances, and also agreed to turn state's evidence against the co-defendant, Godden. Marsh advised the jail staff that she was pregnant. As such, Marsh, through her attorney arranged for a treatment program. Marsh was on a furlough to the treatment program and decided to leave the program and not return to jail. Marsh was convinced to return back to the program only to be kicked out of the program due to her disruptive behavior to the program and the others who were in treatment.

### Sentencing Synopsis:

Hope Marsh was sentenced on the charge of ingestion of a schedule 1 or 2 controlled substance to five (5) years in the South Dakota Penitentiary with thirty (30) of those months suspended. The Court further ordered that Marsh must pay all, restitution, fines, court costs, prosecution costs, and court-appointed attorney fees.

### Criminal History Synopsis:

This is the considered to be Hope Marsh's second career felony conviction.