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Defendant's Name: Jack Wilcox
Age: 22
City/State of residence: Casselton, ND
Criminal File Number: 13-363
Convicted of: Ingestion of a Schedule I or II Controlled Substance, 22-42-5.1 (F5)
Date of Sentencing: June 23, 2014
Arresting Officer: Trooper Cody Jansen – South Dakota Highway Patrol

Case Synopsis:

On November 9, 2013 trooper Jansen pulled over a vehicle being driven by an Adam Ratchenski. The trooper noticed that the driver of the vehicle was unable to keep still and the passenger (Jack Wilcox) was also acting strange. After Ratchenski denied Officer Jansen permission to search his vehicle, Trooper Heuertz, who is assigned with a trained narcotics canine partner was deployed around Ratchenski's vehicle. The Police Service Dog alerted and indicated to the vehicle for presence of the odor of an illegal drug. A search of the vehicle revealed a measureable amount of marijuana in a clothing bag, located in the trunk. Jack Wilcox admitted that it was his and took full responsibility. Wilcox was arrested, read his Miranda rights, and taken to the Union County Jail. A urine sample was provided by Wilcox which tested positive for marijuana @ 25ng/ml and ecstasy @ 6900 ng/ml.

Sentencing Synopsis:

On the felony charge for the Ingestion of ecstasy, the Court sentenced Wilcox to 18 months supervised probation under a suspended imposition of sentence condition. This type of sentence will allow Wilcox to clear his record in the event that he successfully satisfies the terms and conditions of his supervised probation. For the next 18 months Wilcox must follow all terms and conditions of his probation, obey all federal, state and local laws, waive his fourth amendment right against warrantless searches and seizures by his probation officer or any law enforcement, the waiver shall also include Wilcox submitted to a UA, and the defendant shall pay all fines and court fees. After which, this record will be sealed and Wilcox will be able to honestly say that he has never been convicted of a felony.