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## Press Release - For Immediate Release

Defendant's Name: Alejandro Holguin  
Age: 04/27/76  
City and State of residence: South Sioux City, NE  
Criminal File Number: 14-158  
Convicted of: Possession of a Schedule I or II Controlled Substance, a violation of SDCL 22-42-5, a class 5 felony; and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, a violation of SDCL 22-42A-3, a class 2 misdemeanor;  
Date of Sentence: July 21, 2014  
Arresting Officer: Lt. Richard Headid – North Sioux City Police Department

### Case Synopsis:

On May 15, 2014, Lt. Headid was called to the respond to the Triple Crown Casino by a manager. Lt. Headid took a report that a patron had taken a salad spoon from the buffet and that it was found in the bathroom trash with burn marks and a drug substance on the spoon. Lt. Headid identified the drug substance as methamphetamine and determined that the patron had used the salad spoon to cook and prepare methamphetamine for intravenous use. Lt. Headid found the patron based upon the manager's description at 4 Aces. The patron was identified as Alejandro Holguin. Holguin was attempting to avoid the officers looking for him and was found getting into the vehicle of a Consuelo Valdez. Lt. Headid questioned Holguin who admitted that he had recently injected himself with methamphetamine at the Triple Crown Casino after using the salad spoon that he had taken from the buffet. A search of the vehicle revealed additional paraphernalia and a drug like substance. Both Holguin and Valdez were arrested. As this case progressed, family members advised the State, the Defense, and the Court that Holguin has a serious issues with different types of substances and a history of retail theft to support his habit. A records check revealed that Valdez has a history of distribution of controlled substances in two states.

### Sentencing Synopsis:

On the charge of Possession of Schedule I or II Controlled Substance, Holguin received a five year suspended execution of sentence to the penitentiary and four years of supervised probation. Holguin was also ordered to pay all financial obligations as a condition of satisfying supervised probation.

On the charge of Possession of Paraphernalia, Holguin was also ordered to pay all financial obligations as a condition of satisfying supervised probation.

### Criminal History:

This is Alejandro Holguin's second career felony conviction.