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August 25, 2014

## Press Release - For Immediate Release

Defendant's Name: Cory Venables  
Age: 27  
City and State of Residence: Yankton, SD  
Criminal File Number: 14-177  
Original Convicted of: Aggravated Eluding of a Law Enforcement Officer - (F5) 32-33-18.2  
Habitual Offender Information Filed (Upgrading the F6 felony to a F5)  
Reckless Driving – (M1) 32-24-1  
Original Date of Sentence: January 13, 2014  
Original Arresting Officer: Jacob Limoges – Elk Point Police Department  
Probation Violation: Aggravated Eluding of a Law Enforcement Officer; and DWI 4<sup>th</sup>; Reckless Driving; Intentional Damage to Property 1<sup>st</sup> Degree; and Open Container in a MV  
Disposition Date: August 18, 2014

### Case Synopsis:

On June 14, 2013 at 12:06 a.m., when officer Limoges was conducting stationary RADAR when he was able to hear a vehicle coming towards him. Officer Limoges identified the loud music coming from a vehicle approximately five blocks away. When officer Limoges attempted to pull the vehicle over, the driver drove down Main Street at speeds in excess of 80 miles per hours until the vehicle lost control and crashed into a house. The Driver of the vehicle left the vehicle and eluded the officer on foot. Cory Venables was later found with the help of this girlfriend who informed law enforcement that he was waiting at Jones Grocery store for his girlfriend to come and pick him up. Officer's worked with Venables' girlfriend in tracking Venables. Law Enforcement explained the issue of aiding and abetting in a felony was itself a felony. Venables' girlfriend was not charged. The State filed a habitual offender's information on this file alleging that Venables had been convicted of two prior felony charges.

On May 2, 2014, Cory Venables did, drive while intoxicated in a reckless manner while attempting to elude law enforcement which ended in the Mr. Venables intentionally damaging property. After Venables was stopped it was determined that he also had open containers alcohol in his possession inside his vehicle. This is the same behavior as the original file in Union County.

### Sentencing Synopsis:

On the probation violation offense which relates to the original charge of aggravated eluding of a law enforcement officer, the Court re-sentenced Venables to a five-year sentence with three years suspended. The sentence was to begin immediately. The Court further re-ordered that Venables must pay all, restitution, fines, court costs, prosecution costs, and court-appointed attorney fees as a term and condition of satisfying terms of his suspended sentence.

**Criminal History Synopsis:**

This is Venables' first probation violation on his third career felony conviction. Venables was sentenced to the South Dakota State Penitentiary on the felony charges that he faced in Yankton. Venables has four career felony convictions on his record.