
September 3, 2014

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Defendant's Name: Shad Quissell
Age: 24
City and State of residence: Sioux Falls, SD
Criminal File Number: 14-124
Incident Date: April 18, 2014
Charges: Possession of Marijuana (M1) SDCL 22-42-6
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (M2) SDCL 22-42A-3
Date of Sentencing: August 18, 2014
Arresting Officer: Trooper Cody Jansen – SD Highway Patrol

Case Synopsis:

Shad Quissell was driving a vehicle on Interstate 29 at a speed of 79 mph in a 75 mph zone. The vehicle driver refused to pass the officer who was traveling 68 mph. As the officer slowed down, the driver and the two passengers did eventually pass the trooper but again their behavior drew attention to them as the gaze of all the occupants were fixed forward. The officer noted a large crack all the way across the windshield. After the trooper stopped the vehicle, the passengers never looked at the officer and continued the gaze fixed forward. Quissell was very nervous as he spoke with the officer. And Quissell and the passengers were all rubbing their legs frequently. The trooper noticed that there was an unopened beer in the vehicle. A police service dog was called to the scene as the officer addressed the reasons for the stop. Quissell informed the trooper that all three of them have been drinking in the vehicle. Eventually the passengers provided the troopers with open cans of beer. During a search of Quissell's vehicle, drug paraphernalia was found along with a mason jar of marijuana along with other packages of marijuana totaling approximately an ounce of marijuana. Quissell took responsibility for the items found by the troopers.

Sentencing Synopsis:

On the charge of possession of marijuana the Court sentenced Shad Quissell to a sixty (60) days in the Union County Jail with forty (40) suspended on the terms and condition that the Defendant pay a fine of \$1000.00; \$10.00 in prosecution costs; and \$84.00 in court costs. The Court allowed Quissell to do his time in Minnehaha County if Quissell is able to arrange to do both the time and work release out of the Minnehaha facility at Quissell's expense.

On the charge of possession of drug paraphernalia the Court sentenced Shad Quissell with \$66.00 in court costs.

Criminal History Synopsis:

Shad Quissell has never been convicted of a felony.