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Defendant's Name: Mitchell Little
Age: 58
City and State of residence: Mitchell, SD
Criminal File Number: 14-454
Incident Date: December 6, 2014
Indictment Date: December 17, 2014
Arraignment Date: August 31, 2015
Change of Plea Date: September 14, 2015
Convicted of: Possession of Schedule 1 or 2 Controlled Substance, 22-42-5, (F5);
Aggravated Eluding Law Enforcement, 32-33-18.2
Sentencing Date: October 26, 2015

Case Synopsis:

On December 26, 2014, Mitchell Little was stopped on interstate 29 for having a loud exhaust. Little's refused to stop for the officer(s) and attempted to elude the officer(s) reaching speeds of 130 mph during the pursuit. During the pursuit, Little was observed by the first trooper that was in pursuit, to have thrown out what was believed to be drugs. The officer noted the time that he observed this event and they were able to return to that section of the road and find discarded drugs. The discarded brown bag that was thrown out of Little's vehicle contained a used methamphetamine pipe, 7 grams of methamphetamine, used needles, and other items of paraphernalia. At some point in time, Little turned off of the interstate and proceeded on Hwy 46 again traveling as sustained speeds of 125 to 130 mph passing cars and driving in an unsafe manner placing the officer(s) and the motoring public at risk of serious injuries. At one point in the eluding process, Little swerved at an on-coming trooper as well as on-coming civilian traffic.

Sentencing Synopsis:

On the charge of possession of a schedule 1 or 2 controlled substance, a class 5 felony, the Court sentenced Mitchell Little to sentence of two years to the South Dakota State Penitentiary. Mitchell Little was ordered to begin his sentence immediately. The Court further ordered Little to pay the following:

- \$104.00 in Court Costs; and
- \$143.40 in Court-Appointed Attorney Fees.

On the charge of possession of aggravated eluding of law enforcement, a class 6 felony, the Court sentenced Mitchell Little to a concurrent sentence of two years to the South Dakota State Penitentiary. Mitchell Little was ordered to begin his sentence immediately. The Court further ordered Little to pay the following:

- \$104.00 in Court Costs;

Criminal History:

The Court noted that Mitchell Little has prior felony convictions, specifically a criminal history of distribution of narcotics, that he is homeless, and that due to his behavioral issues surrounding substance abuse that Little would difficult to supervise on probation.