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Defendant's Name: Bill O'Quinn
Age: 44
City and State of residence: Dixen, NE
Criminal File Number: 15-065
Incident Date: March 20, 2015
Indictment Date: May 20, 2015
Arraignment Date: July 6, 2015
Change of Plea Date: August 17, 2015
Convicted of: Ct. 1: Ingestion of a Scheduled 1 or 2 Controlled Substance,
a violation of SDCL 22-42-5.1, (F5)
Sentencing Date: September 28, 2015

Case Synopsis:

Bill O'Quinn, was the driver of a vehicle that was speeding on Interstate 29 at a rate of 74 mph in a 65 mph zone. O'Quinn's vehicle also had a cracked windshield. As the deputy was completing a warning ticket for the cracked windshield, O'Quinn admitted in casual conversation that he used to smoke marijuana and methamphetamine. O'Quinn then consented to allow the deputy to search his vehicle for illegal and controlled substances. A bag of marijuana was located near the center console. O'Quinn then admitted that he smoked marijuana earlier in the day. O'Quinn provided a urine sample which tested positive at 83 ng/ml of marijuana, and 11,357 ng/ml of methamphetamine.

Sentencing Synopsis:

The Court sentenced Bill O'Quinn to a suspended five year sentence to the South Dakota State Penitentiary with a term of supervised probation of three years on each felony charge. O'Quinn was ordered to serve Forty-four days in the Union County Jail with credit for the Fourteen days served prior to sentencing. The Court further ordered O'Quinn to do and / or pay the following:

- \$104.00 in Court Costs on each felony charge;
- \$10.00 in prosecution costs; and
- \$45.00 in fees to the SD Drug Fund;

Criminal History:

This is at least Bill O'Quinn's second career felony conviction.