

# Union County State's Attorney

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## Press Release - For Immediate Release

Defendant's Name: Nora Taylor  
Age: 58  
City and State of residence: Wagner, SD  
Criminal File Number: 14-133  
Charged with: Ct 1: Possession of Controlled Substance 22-42-5 (F5) 5/10  
Ct 2: Ingestion of a Controlled Substance 22-42-5.1 (F5) 5/10  
Ct 3: Possession of Drug Paraphernalia 22-42A-3 (M2) 30/500  
Ct 4: No Valid Driver's License 32-12-22 (M2) 30/500  
Incident Date: April 30, 2014  
Indictment Date: May 7, 2014  
Arraignment Date: May 19, 2014  
Change of Plea Date: August 18, 2014  
Original Sentencing Date: October 20, 2014  
Originally Convicted of: Ct 2: Ingestion of a Controlled Substance 22-42-5.1 (F5) 5/10  
Original Arresting Officer: Officer Eric Faye – North Sioux City Police Department  
Defendant's Attorney: Terry L. Pechota

**Probation Disposition Date: November 9, 2015**

**Probation Violation: Between November 5<sup>th</sup> and the 22<sup>nd</sup> of 2014, Taylor tested positive for methamphetamine. On June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015, Taylor was arrested by the Yankton Co. Sheriff's Office with possession of a controlled substance. Taylor left the state of Arkansas, while on probation and without permission to leave the state.**

**Case Synopsis:**

On April 30, 2014 Nora Taylor was pulled over for swerving within the lane. Then Taylor admitted to not having a license due to the fact that it was suspended. While Officer Fay was conducting the interview, Fay noticed that the Taylor and the co-defendant, Thomsen story wasn't matching up. Officer Fay asked if he could search the vehicle and both said "No." Due to the suspiciousness of the stories between Taylor and Thomsen, Officer Fay used his police service dog to conduct an open air search around the vehicle. Officer Fay's dog "Garzo" alerted and indicated the vehicle. Because Garzo indicated, a vehicle search was conducted and methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia was found. Taylor's provided a urine sample for testing and tested positive for methamphetamine.

**Probation Disposition Synopsis:**

**On November 9, 2015, on the charge of ingestion of a schedule 1 or 2 controlled substance, Nora Taylor was re-sentenced to a five (5) year sentence to the SD State Penitentiary with one (1) year of that sentence suspended. The court further ordered that**

**Taylor would receive credit for the One-Hundred and Sixty (160) days in the Union County Jail that she had spent incarcerated prior to this sentencing. Taylor was required to pay all, restitution, fine, court costs, and prosecution costs.**

**Criminal History:**

This is Nora Taylor's first probation violation on her third career felony conviction.