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Defendant's Name: Zackary Moorhouse
Age: 32
Residence: Sioux City, IA
Criminal File Number: 11-268
Original Charges: Ct. 1: Possession of Controlled Substance (F4)
Ct. 2: Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (M2)
Ct. 3: No Proof of Financial Responsibility (M2)
Original Date of Offense: July 23, 2011
Original Date of Indictment: August 11, 2011
Original Arraignment Date: August 15, 2011
Original Change of Plea Date: September 26, 2011
Originally Convicted of: Ct. 1: Possession of Controlled Substance (F4)
Original Officer(s): Officer Aaron Tyler – North Sioux City Police Department
Officer Eric Fay (K-9) – North Sioux City Police Dept.
Officer Rich Little (K-9) – Sioux City Police Department

Probation Violation:

Initial Appearance: February 23, 2015
Probation Violation Issues: 1) Violation of the court's rule to abstain from alcohol,
illegal, and / or controlled substances;
2) Failure to complete treatment as ordered; and
3) Failure to pay financial obligations as ordered;
Disposition Date: February 23, 2015

Original Case Synopsis:

Zackary Moorhouse was the driver that was seen coming from a house in which the occupant of the house had been recently arrested for possession of methamphetamine. Moorhouse was stopped for having an obstructed license plate due to a hitch ball cover. An officer assigned with a drug dog was called to the scene and ran his dog around Moorhouse's truck. The drug dog alerted and indicated to the presence of a substance that the dog is trained to detect. A search of the vehicle located both methamphetamine and methamphetamine paraphernalia. Moorhouse waived his Miranda rights and later told law enforcement where he purchased the methamphetamine and cooperated with law enforcement in this respect. No deal was offered to Moorhouse to do so and his cooperation was relayed to the court by and through law enforcement reports.

Original Sentencing Synopsis:

The Court sentenced Moorhouse to 10 years to the SD state penitentiary with all 10 years suspended. Moorhouse was sentenced to serve 7 years of supervised probation with specific terms and conditions to follow along with an responsibility to pay his financial obligations to the Court, and the State.

Original Criminal History Synopsis:

This was Zackary Moorhouse's second career felony offense. And the first probation violation on his first felony offense before the same court and judge.

Probation Violation # 1 Synopsis:

Moorhouse violated the terms and condition of his probation by failing to stay in contact with his court's service officer. Moorhouse was also ordered to complete a chemical dependency evaluation and then follow through on the recommendations in the evaluation.

Probation Violation # 1 Disposition Synopsis:

Moorhouse was first seen on July 22, 2013 on this violation and admitted to the offense. On September 23, 2013, Moorhouse was re-sentenced. The Court re-started Moorhouse's probation with terms and conditions to be followed and sentenced him to serve 61 days and then gave Moorhouse credit for the 61 days that he served while he was awaiting sentencing and for what he had accumulated on this file to date.

Probation Violation # 2 Synopsis:

Moorhouse violated the terms and conditions of his probation a third time by failing to abstaining from possession or use alcohol, and illegal and controlled substances. Additionally, Moorhouse was also ordered to complete a chemical dependency evaluation and then follow through on the recommendations in the evaluation. Moorhouse has additionally failed to make regular payments upon his court ordered financial obligations.

Probation Violation # 2 Disposition Synopsis:

On February 23, 2015, Moorhouse was ordered to serve a three year sentence to the SD state penitentiary (10 years with 7 suspended) consecutive to Moorhouse's sentence in 09-477. Moorhouse was also ordered to pay all out-standing financial obligations.

Criminal History Synopsis:

Moorhouse now has two career felony convictions. This was Moorhouse's second probation violation on this felony offense.