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Defendant's Name: Arlan Whitefeather
Age: 27
City and State of residence: Sioux City, IA
Criminal File Number: 15-057
Offense Occurred On: November 27, 2014
Indictment: February 27, 2015
Plead Guilty On: February 27, 2015
Convicted of: Ct. 1: Aggravated Assault, a violation of SDCL 22-18-1.1(2), a class 3 felony
Sentencing Date: May 4, 2015

Case Synopsis:

On November 27, 2014, officers were called to the Skyline Bar & Casino to respond to an ongoing altercation in the parking lot. Officers learned that Arlan Whitefeather and his party were asked by the bartender to leave after causing a minor disturbance inside the bar. Other patrons of the bar followed Whitefeather's group out of the bar. The patrons who followed, wanted to make sure that Whitefeather's party left without incident. The disturbance inside the bar did not involve any other patrons. The first patron that exited the bar was sucker punched immediately upon exiting the bar. By all accounts, no patron in the bar had an issue with the Whitefeather group. Only a couple of people knew anyone in the Whitefeather group. Whitefeather and his brother began a mêlée with anyone who exited the bar without provocation. At some point in the mêlée, Arlan Whitefeather retrieved a golf club and made threats to the people that he and his brother had attacked.

After making the threat with the weapon, Whitefeather and his party piled into a car and left the bar. Law Enforcement was able to find the Whitefeather vehicle and question two people in the Whitefeather group. Whitefeather was still wearing the same clothes that the victims and witnesses had reported which proved the identity of the person that used the golf club as a weapon and threatened several of the patrons. Whitefeather denied ever using a golf club during the altercation. The officer located a golf club in the back seat of Whitefeather's car.

Sentencing Synopsis:

The Court ordered a suspended seven-year sentence with a four-year term of supervised probation. The Court ordered that Whitefeather serve forty days in the Union County Jail.

The Court further ordered that Arlan Whitefeather pay the following:

- \$10.00 in Prosecution Costs
- \$104.00 in Court Costs; and
- \$500.00 in Fines;

Criminal History:

This is Arlan Whitefeather's second career felony conviction.