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Defendant's Name: Tonja Nowlen
Age: 44
City and State of residence: Sioux City, IA
Criminal File Number: 11-285
Original Offense Date: August 6, 2011
Convicted of: Possession of a Known Forged Instrument, a violation of SDCL 22-39-38, a class 6 felony
Original Sentencing Date: October 24, 2011
Probation Violation #2: 1) Methamphetamine Use; and 2) Failing to attend counseling.
PV Admission Date: April 27, 2015
Sentencing Date: June 8, 2015

Case Synopsis:

Tonja Nowlen violated the terms of her probation and admitted to the use of methamphetamine on several occasions. The Probation Officer addressed the issues of methamphetamine use and addiction and required Nowlen to attend treatment. Nowlen failed to attend treatment as required. As Nowlen was failing to follow the terms and obligations of supervised probation and her continued felonious behavior, Nowlen's probation was violated by her probation violation.

Sentencing Synopsis:

The Court ordered a suspended two-year sentence with a two-year term of supervised probation. The Court ordered that Tonja Nowlen serve ninety days in the Union County Jail during four thirty day sessions.

The Court further ordered that Tonja Nowlen pay her remaining:

- Prosecution Costs;
- Court Costs;
- Fine;
- Restitution; and
- \$1,299.76 in Court Appointed Attorney Fees;

Criminal History:

This is Tonja Nowlen's second probation violation on her second career felony conviction.