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Defendant's Name: Randy Christensen
Age: 21
City and State of residence: Sioux City, IA
Criminal File Number: 11-085
Original Incident Date: March 23, 2011
Original Conviction for: Forgery (F5) 22-39-36
Possession of a Known Forged Instrument (6) 22-39-38
Original Date of Sentencing: August 29, 2011
Original Arresting Officer: Sgt. Richard Headid – North Sioux City Police Officer
PV # 1
Probation Violation #1: Driving with a suspended license; Iowa charge of 1st degree theft; and Failure to pay financial obligations.
Date of #1 PV Disposition: April 29, 2013
Arresting Agency: Sioux City Police Dept.
PV # 2
Probation Violation #2: Simple Assault charge, Sioux City, IA; Three admissions to the consumption of alcohol; and Failure to pay financial obligations.
Date of #2 PV Disposition: June 9, 2014
Probation Officer: Clinton Meadows – Court Services Officer
PV # 3
Probation Violation #3: Simple Assault charge, Sioux City, IA; Three admissions to the consumption of alcohol; and Failure to pay financial obligations.
Date of #3 PV Disposition: April 27, 2015
Probation Officer: Clinton Meadows – Court Services Officer

Case Synopsis:

Christensen's Original criminal charge was the result of forging an employer's check for personal benefit and passing that check at a North Sioux City merchant's establishment. Sgt. Richard Headid of the North Sioux City Police Department investigated this case.

On April 29, 2013, Christensen admitted to two allegations of probation violations as it relates to the underlying forgery charges. Christensen failed to follow all applicable laws, namely, Christensen was sentenced for Driving while his license was suspended. Christensen also appeared for a trial in Woodbury County Iowa and the court there found probable cause to believe Christensen committed the offense of 1st degree theft. Christensen also failed to comply with his terms and conditions of probation by not making regular payments toward his financial obligations. Christensen was ordered to pay \$40.00 per month beginning in November 2011. Christensen made only two payments totaling seventy-five dollars toward his restitution to the victim, and did not make any payments whatsoever toward his remaining financial obligation to the Union County Clerk of Courts.

On April 14, 2014, Christensen admitted to being arrested and involved in a Simple Assault incident that occurred in Sioux City, Ia. He will also address the three times that he admitted to the consumption of alcohol in violation of the terms and conditions of his bond.

Additionally the court will have before it the evaluation by Transitional Services of Iowa, which states that Christensen has a very limited social support network; that he has not participated in AA/NA; that he has poor insight on addiction problems; and that he has a high potential for relapse. This assessment indicates that Christensen is in the pre-contemplation stage of change and that he appears to be no motivation to change at this time. Additionally, Christensen admitted to the assessment program at TSI that he was drinking daily prior to February 28, 2014, which is more problematic than what he admitted to his probation officer. Christensen continues to completely ignore his financial obligations to this court.

On April 27, 2015, Christensen was resentenced following his admission to violating his probation. Christensen was arrested by the Sioux City Police Department on 12/6/2014 for disorderly conduct. Furthermore, on 12/6/2014, Christensen self-admitted to his court service officer to having consumed approximately a six pack of beer.

Sentencing Synopsis:

On April 27, 2015 the charge of possession of a forgery, the State recommends that Randy Christensen received a Five (5) year sentence with five (5) years suspended. Christensen was sentenced with a total of 168 days in the Union County Jail. Christensen received 78 days the defendant spent incarcerated prior to this disposition. Ninety days were suspended. The Court also added \$243.00 in court-appointed attorney fees.

Criminal History Synopsis:

This is Randy Christensen's third probation violation on his first career felony conviction. Christensen has several misdemeanor arrests with some of which resulted in convictions for 3rd degree burglaries, theft and a simple assault case. This behavior is continuing even while on probation on this felony charge.