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Defendant's Name: Cody A. Matney
Age: 27
City and State of residence: Sioux City, IA
Criminal File Number: 15-033
Offense Occurred On: February 11, 2015
Indictment: March 25, 2015
Arraignment: April 27, 2015
Plead Guilty On: June 22, 2015
Convicted of: Ct. 1: Aggravated Eluding, (F6), 32-33-18.2
Sentencing Date: July 6, 2015

Case Synopsis:

On February 11, 2015, Deputy Jason Westcott identified a vehicle traveling 77 mph in a 65 mph zone on interstate 29 at mm 1 northbound. The vehicle exited the interstate at mm 4 and turned north on Streeter Dr. The officer attempted to stop the vehicle; however, the suspect vehicle sped up and turned into an apartment complex continuing to drive at a reckless rate of speed. The suspect vehicle then turned off his lights as the suspect vehicle continued through apartment complex. The suspect vehicle decided to drive between the apartment complex office and a section of garages where the vehicle went across the lawn heading east towards Streeter Drive. The suspect vehicle attempted to cross the lawn in an attempt to reach Streeter Drive. The vehicle became airborne landing on the North Sioux City sewer lift station. The lift station prevented the suspect vehicle from crossing the sidewalk / bike path that is positioned right before Streeter Drive. Due to the vehicle being hung up on lift station, the driver, Cody Matney, exited the driver's side of the vehicle and attempted to elude the officer on foot. Matney caused \$8,478.00 in damages to the North Sioux City sewage lift station. Matney cooperated with a preliminary breath test, which showed an estimated blood alcohol equivalent of .052% which was not high enough to justify a driving while intoxicated offense. However, Matney was driving with a revoked driver's license.

Sentencing Synopsis:

As to count 1, Aggravated Eluding, a class 6 felony, the Court ordered a two-year suspended sentence with a four-year term of supervised probation. The Court also ordered a sixty-day sentence in the Union County Jail to begin immediately.

The Court further ordered that Jason Flowers pay the following:

- \$45.00 to the South Dakota Drug Fund
- \$104.00 in Court Costs;
- \$1000.00 in restitution to North Sioux City (deductible on damage to lift station), and
- \$639.00 in Court Appointed Attorney Fees

Criminal History:

This is Cody Matney's third career felony conviction. Additionally, Matney has had two previous misdemeanor offenses of eluding.