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Defendant's Name: John Lugenbeel
Age: 43
City and State of residence: Salt Lake City, UT
Criminal File Number: 14-452
Offense Date: December 7, 2014
Indictment: December 17, 2014
Arraignment Date: March 30, 2015
Change of Plea Date: August 3, 2015
Original Convicted of: Ct. I: Possession of Schedule I or II Controlled Substance,
SDCL 22-42-5, (F5)
Original Date of Sentence: August 3, 2015
Arresting Officer: Trooper Brian Biehl, SD Highway Patrol

Case Synopsis:

Lugenbeel was stopped for having only one plate on his vehicle. The trooper ran Lugenbeel's name and discovered that he had a valid warrant for failing to appear on an Illinois warrant for the possession of controlled substances. As the trooper was assigned with a canine partner, the trooper advised that he was going to deploy his canine around Lugenbeel's vehicle. Lugenbeel admitted that he was in possession of a meth-pipe and methamphetamine. Illinois advised that they would not extradite from South Dakota. Lugenbeel was arrested on the possession of controlled substances.

Sentencing Synopsis:

On the charge in Count I, Possession of Schedule I or II Controlled Substance, a violation of SDCL 22-42-5, a class 5 felony, Lugenbeel was sentenced to serve 180 days in the Union County Jail with 90 days suspended and 90 days to be served immediately after sentencing. Lugenbeel was also ordered to pay the following as a term and condition of the original 90 days being suspended:

- \$104.00 in Court Costs;
- \$10.00 in prosecution costs
- \$108.00 to the South Dakota Drug Fund; and
- \$1,500.00 in fines.

Criminal History Synopsis:

This is Lugenbeel's tenth career criminal case entry on his record. Of which, this felony conviction will make this Lugenbeel's third career felony conviction.