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Defendant's Name: Mitchell Delafield
Age: 27
City and State of residence: Dakota Dunes, SD
Criminal File Number: 15-077
Offense Date: March 15, 2015
Arrestment Date: May 18, 2015
Change of Plea Date: July 20, 2015
Original Convicted of: Ct. II: Disorderly Conduct, SDCL 22-18-35(1), (M2)
Original Date of Sentence: July 20, 2015
Arresting Officer: Deputy Jon Feller, Union County Sheriff's Office

Case Synopsis:

Delafield was reported by the victim in this case to have been awoken by the yelling and loud noises. Delafield was observed stumbling around the courtyard of the apartment complex and that a pickup that belonged to the victim in this case had several items ripped off the pickup and were strewn around the courtyard. Some of these parts were thrown up against the victims door. When the victim went to address the knocking at 3:50 a.m. Delafield was walking away from the victim's door yelling "I didn't do it". When officers responded to the scene, Delafield would answer every question with, some reference to not having done anything with the damaged truck. Even the questions in which the officer ask for Delafield's name. The damage to the truck totaled Five Thousand Four Hundred and Forty-Four Dollars and fifty-nine cents (\$5,444.59). Delafield's blood was not tested due to the nature of the offense.

Sentencing Synopsis:

On the charge in Count II, Disorderly Conduct, a violation of SDCL 22-18-35 (1) , a class 2 misdemeanor, Delafield was ordered to pay the following:

- \$66.00 in Court Costs;
- \$54.00 in fines; and
- \$5,444.59 in Restitution.

Criminal History Synopsis:

This case started out dealing with a felony amount of intentional damage to property. Mr. Delafield had no previous felony offenses. Law Enforcement was not able to further support by any neighbor or witnesses that Delafield was loudly ripping parts off of the pickup. The state opted to secure restitution in this file based upon a class 2 misdemeanor plea rather than have a jury trial over the felony matter.