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Defendant's Name: Joseph Zoellin
Age: 50
City and State of residence: Lake Stevens, WA
Criminal File Number: 16-005
Date of Offense: 12/31/2015
Date of Indictment: 1/11/2016
Date of Arraignment: 3/28/2016
Change of Plea Date: 3/28/2016
Date of Sentencing: 3/28/2016
Convicted of: Possession of Schedule I or II Controlled Substance (F5) 22-42-5
Arresting Officer: Kayne Weaver
Court Appointed Attorney: Ryan Kollbeck

Case Synopsis:

On December 31, 2015 at approximately 10:58 pm, Officer Kayne Weaver observed a vehicle in the northbound lane of I-29 with the driver side headlight out. Officer Weaver stopped the vehicle and could detect the smell of marijuana coming from inside the vehicle even though there was a wind, and both driver and passenger windows were open. Officer Weaver brought the driver, Joesoph Zoellin, back to the patrol car. While talking to Zoellin, Officer Weaver could detect the smell of marijuana and observed that Zoellin's eyes were bloodshot. Zoellin admitted to smoking and ingesting marijuana, and that it was in the cup holder of his car. Officer Weaver found marijuana, and e-cigarette containing liquid THC, marijuana wax, vacuum sealer, and a large amount of cash. Zoellin was transported to Union County Jail. Zoelling provided a urine sample that tested positive for marijuana (THC) at level of 3413 ng/ml.

Sentencing Synopsis:

Joseph Zoellin was convicted of Possession of Schedule I or II Controlled Substance, a violation of SDCL 22-42-5, a class 5 felony, and was ordered to serve 90 days in the Union County Jail, with sixty days suspended. Zoellin was also ordered to pay Union County; Court Costs of \$104.00; Prosecution Costs of \$10.00; South Dakota Drug Control Fund -- \$179.00; Fine of \$3,000.00.

Criminal History Synopsis:

This is Joseph Zoellin's second career felony conviction.