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Defendant's Name: Hannah Swanson
Age: 19
City and State of residence: Sioux City, IA
Criminal File Number: 15-346
Incident Date: September 29, 2015
Indictment Date: October 14, 2015
Arraignment Date: January 11, 2016
Change of Plea Date: February 01, 2016
Convicted of: Ingestion of Controlled Substance (Methamphetamine), (F5) 22-42-5.1
Sentence Date: March 14, 2016
Arresting Officer: Deputy Stephanie Ryan
Defense Attorney: Scott Manschreck

Case Synopsis:

On September 29, 2015 at about 10:25 a.m. Deputy Stephanie Ryan observed a vehicle stopped at a stop sign with in the community of Dakota Dunes for an unusually long time. The deputy observed that there was no traffic or pedestrians at the intersection that would have required the vehicle to remain stopped at the intersection for an extended period. When the car did pass through the intersection, the vehicle was identified by radar as speeding at a rate of 46 mph in a 40 mph zone. The driver was identified as Shelbie Uhl and the passenger was identified as Hannah Swanson. Both indicated that they were employed by Merry Maids and that they were on their way to clean a house. Shelbie Uhl did not have her license and because she forgot it. During the stop, Uhl admitted that she smoked marijuana approximately one week prior to this stop. Uhl also admitted that there were roachs (the leftover portion of a marijuana joints) were in the vehicle.

Deputy Ryan then visited with Swanson's about drugs, and Swanson stated that there might be marijuana pipes and marijuana in her purse, and advised that Deputy Ryan could search. Deputy Ryan discovered marijuana throughout the vehicle and OxyContin in Swanson's purse. Both Uhl and Swanson denied any knowledge of the OxyContin. A search warrant was applied for and granted for Swanson's urine and Swanson's urine sample was tested positive for marijuana at a level of 103 ng/ml and methamphetamine at a level of 1405 ng/ml.

Sentencing Synopsis:

On the charge of Ingestion of a Controlled Substance, a class five felony, the Court decided to use it judicial clemency to offer Ms. Swanson a suspended imposition of sentence. Swanson was ordered to a complete a two year term of supervised probation. The Court further ordered that Swanson pay all court costs, prosecution costs, fine as a term of satisfying her supervised probation.

Criminal History Synopsis:

This is Hannah Swanson's first felony offense. If Swanson is successful throughout her term of supervised probation the court will seal Swanson's felony file.