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## Press Release - For Immediate Release

Defendant's Name: Steven Yatsko  
Age: 23  
City and State of residence: North Sioux City, SD  
Criminal File Number: 16-039  
Incident Date: January 24, 2016  
Indictment Date: March 2, 2016  
Arraignment Date: March 14, 2016  
Change of Plea Date: April 11, 2016  
Convicted of: Simple Assault, (M1), 22-18-1(4)  
Sentence Date: April 11, 2016  
Arresting Officer: Officer Aaron Tyler – North Sioux City Police Department  
Officer Samantha Close – North Sioux City Police Department  
Defense Attorney: Katie Johnson

### **Case Synopsis:**

On January 23, 2016 at about 11:44 p.m. when Officer Aaron Tyler and Officer Samantha Close responded to a disturbance call. As the officers stood outside the apartment, they could hear a man inside complaining about a female occupant that according to the conversation had marijuana in her possession. After the officers knocked on the door, Steven Yatsko responded. When the officers asked about the possession of the marijuana, Yatsko advised that he flushed the marijuana down the stool. Yatsko advised that his wife brought marijuana from California when they moved to SD. Yatsko advised that he was upset when he found that she had kept her marijuana because he knew it was illegal in SD. Yatsko became very upset during the questioning. Officer Tyler directed Yatsko to settle down. Yatsko became more agitated as Yatsko became aggressive towards the officers. Officer Tyler deployed his Taser as he advanced on them. Yatsko was charged with Simple Assault on Law Enforcement.

### **Sentencing Synopsis:**

On the charge of Simple Assault, a class one misdemeanor, the Court sentenced Yatsko to a suspended thirty day sentence with a three hundred sixty day term of supervised probation. The Court further ordered that Yatsko pay all fines, court costs, and court appointed attorney's fees.

### **Criminal History Synopsis:**

This felony charge was resolved in a plea agreement in which Steven Yatsko admitted to the misdemeanor offense of Simple Assault.