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Defendant's Name: Myron Beauvais
Age: 36
City and State of Residence: Sioux Falls, SD
Date of Offense: June 18, 2015
Criminal File Number: 15-199
Indictment Date: July 8, 2015
Change of Plea Date: May 24, 2016
Convicted of: Possession of Controlled Substance (Meth), 22-42-5 (F5)
Driving Under the Influence, 32-23-1(2) (M1)
Date of Sentence: May 24, 2016
Arresting Officer: Trooper Trent Heuertz – SDHP
Trooper Tyler Boltjes
Defendant's Attorney: Rachel Rasmussen
Prosecutor: Alexis Tracy

Case Synopsis:

On June 18, 2015, Trooper Boltjes was patrolling on Interstate 29 near mile marker 38 northbound when he observed a vehicle that was unable to drive within its lane. The vehicle was pulled over without incident. The driver was very nervous while talking to the officer. The driver was identified as Myron Beauvais.

BEAUVAIS behavior lead the trooper to suspect that BEAUVAIS was under the influence. BEAUVAIS' rambling revealed that BEAUVAIS had a warrant for his arrest. Trooper Boltjes checked BEAUVAIS record and found that he did have a warrant for his arrest however, the county that had the warrant for BEAUVAIS' arrest did not want him held. BEAUVAIS cooperated with and failed the field sobriety tests. Trooper Boltjes observed prescription pills in the vehicle. BEAUVAIS was found to have in his possession Hydrocodone, Tramadol, Furosemide, drug paraphernalia, and methamphetamine.

BEAUVAIS was arrested for DUI and Possession of Methamphetamine. BEAUVAIS provided a blood sample for testing as well as a sample of his urine for testing. BEAUVAIS' blood sample revealed no alcohol in his system. BEAUVAIS urine tested positive for marijuana (THC) at 497 ng/ml, amphetamine at 14,090 ng/ml; and methamphetamine at 96,905 ng/ml.

Sentencing Synopsis:

On the charge of Possession of a Controlled Substance (Methamphetamine) (F5), the court sentenced BEAUVAIS to a suspended 5-year sentence with 4 years of supervised probation. BEAUVAIS was further sentenced to serve 64 days in the Union County Jail with credit for the 63-days he spent incarcerated prior to sentencing. One day of his incarceration was to be applied towards BEAUVAIS financial obligation at a rate of \$60. BEAUVAIS was ordered to pay \$104 in Court Costs; \$241.60 in Prosecution Costs; \$45.00 to the South Dakota Drug Control Fund; and \$548.50 in Court-Appointed Attorney Fees along with other standard obligation terms.

On the charge of Driving Under the Influence (M1), the Court sentenced BEAUVAIS to pay \$84 in court costs; and a fine in the amount of \$300; along with a one-year revocation of his BEAUVAIS's license starting after BEAUVAIS has been released from custody.

Criminal History:

This is BEAUVAIS's first career felony conviction in addition to an additional DUI offense.