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Defendant's Name: Tiffany Beckman
Age: 36
City and State of residence: Sioux Falls, SD
Criminal File Number: 16-194
Incident Date: May 6, 2016
Information Date: May 18, 2016
Arraignment Hearing: May 23, 2016
Change of Plea Date: May 23, 2016
Date of Sentencing: May 23, 2016
Convicted of: Ct. 1: Ingestion of a 1 or 2 Controlled Substance, 22-42-5.1, (F5)
Arresting Officer: Officer Kyle Frye – Elk Point Police Department
Trooper Kyane Weaver – South Dakota Highway Patrol
Sgt. Deputy James Prouty – Union County Sheriff's Office
Defense Attorney: Tom Frieberg

Case Synopsis:

On May 6, 2016, Elk Point Police Officer, Kyle Frye responded to a citizen's complaint of a person running in and out of traffic in front of vehicle causing a hazard to herself and others. One person who was on scene reported that she had nearly hit the female. Another good Samaritan stopped that activities of the female and restrained her for her own good. Another witness confirmed the information previously reported to law enforcement by other witnesses. Tiffany Beckman claimed that she was attempting to stop vehicles in order to ask for a ride back to her home in Sioux Falls, SD. Tiffany Beckman correctly identified herself to law enforcement, however, her identity was confirmed by her state issued identification which was in her purse. However, her purse had to be retrieved from the ditch from where she had discarded it. Beckman could not recall why she threw her purse into the ditch. Officer's addressed the possibility of mental illness which was ruled out. Additionally, an ambulance was called to assess her medically and a medical explanation was ruled out.

It was discovered that Tiffany Beckman was on Parole. She also admitted that she had recently used methamphetamine and that she had smoked it recently. After being arrested, Tiffany Beckman kept asking the officer what was going on, which was explained to her many times. Beckman was found to be in possession of a knife, and marijuana residue. Beckman's urine tested positive for amphetamine at 3,301 ng/ml and methamphetamine at 14,116 ng/ml as well as 90 ng/ml of marijuana (THC).

Tiffany Beckman utilized a number of community resources on May 6, 2016. Beckman, who was on Parole, was clearly not adhering to the standard terms and conditions of her parole. Beckman's current felony charge and conviction will not warrant a parole violation under the current rules of supervision for subjects on parole. In fact, individuals who are parole are able to

earn good time if there is no incident. For every month a person completes on parole without an 'incident' then the parolee will receive an additional month credit off of his / her parole obligation. Administratively, the incident that occurred in Elk Point, SD on May 6, 2016, will cost her the one-month credit that she would have received had she not been caught. Beckman can complete her parole successfully even though her felonious behavior has earned her another felony conviction. Beckman still enjoys the benefit of presumptive probation on this current felony conviction pursuant to South Dakota's Senate Bill 70.

Sentencing Synopsis:

On May 23, 2016, the Court sentenced Tiffany Beckman to a suspended five-year sentence to the South Dakota State Penitentiary with a term and condition of supervised probation for three years. The Court further ordered that Beckman serve sixteen days in the Union County Jail, and then the court gave Beckman credit for the sixteen days that she spent incarcerated prior to sentencing. Beckman is ordered to complete the following programs: CBISA, MRT, and any other program that is required by her court services officer. The Court further ordered that Beckman pay \$104.00 in Court Costs; \$45. To the South Dakota Drug Fund; and \$455.50 in Court-Appointed Attorney Fees.

Criminal History:

This is Tiffany Beckman's fourth career felony conviction on her South Dakota record. Tiffany Beckman has a criminal record in three states. Beckman's criminal file includes convictions for Drugs, Forgery, and Escape in South Dakota.