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## Press Release - For Immediate Release

Defendant's Name: Tanner Christians  
Age: 30  
City and State of residence: Sioux City, IA  
File Number: 15-386  
Incident Date: October 30, 2015  
Arraignment Hearing: January 25, 2016  
Indictment Date: November 18, 2016  
Change of Plea Date: April 11, 2016  
Date of Sentencing: June 9, 2016  
Convicted of: Ct. 3: Driving Under the Influence, 32-23-4, (F4)  
Arresting Officer: Officer Jon Feller – North Sioux City Police Department  
Defense Attorney: Judith G. Huitink  
Prosecution Attorney: Alexis Tracy

### **Case Synopsis:**

On October 30, 2015, Tanner Christians was observed driving a vehicle which failed to stop at a stop sign in North Sioux City in full view of law enforcement. Then Tanner Christians proceeded to speed prior to the officer pulling him over. During the stop, Tanner Christians was asked to step out of the vehicle to perform field sobriety tests because the officer could smell the odor of alcohol coming from Tanner Christians' vehicle. When he opened the car door, a Miller Lite beer can fell out of the vehicle. Tanner Christians did admit to failing to stop at the stop sign. Tanner showed all the standard signs of intoxication and after failing his field sobriety tests, he admitted to having consumed 7 beers within two hours of the stop. Tanner Christians' blood tested at a level of .160% blood alcohol content. By statute, a person is presumed to be under the influence and too intoxicated to drive at .08%. Tanner Christians was twice the legal limit.

### **Sentencing Synopsis:**

On June 9, 2016, the Court sentenced Tanner Christians on the charge of driving under the influence third offense, to a suspended two-year sentence to the South Dakota state penitentiary. The court also ordered that Tanner Christians must complete a three-year term of supervised probation. Tanner Christians was also sentenced to serve forty-five days which he was to start serving on June 26, 2016. Tanner Christians was ordered to pay the following: \$104 in court costs; \$100 in prosecution costs; \$50 in a statutory DUI fee; \$500 in fines. Tanner Christians sentence included the revocation of his license for one year following his release from county jail.

### **Criminal History Synopsis:**

This is Tanner Christians' first career felony conviction. This is also Tanner Christians' third DUI offense within 10 years.