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Defendant's Name: Jeffrey Ferdig
Age: 53
City and State of Residence: Sioux City, IA
Criminal File Number: 15-074
Incident Date: March 14, 2015
Indictment Date: May 20, 2015
Arrestment Date: June 8, 2015
Change of Plea Date: December 7, 2015
Date of Sentencing: January 25, 2016
Convicted of: Ct. 1: Ingestion of a Schedule 1 or 2 Controlled Substance, 22-42-5, (F5)
Ct. 2: DUI, 32-23-1(3), (M1)
Ct. 3: Contributing to the Abuse and Neglect of a Minor, 26-9-1, (M1)
Arresting Officer: Trooper Brandon Hanson – SD Highway Patrol
Court Appointed Attorney: Jeff Myers

Case Synopsis:

On March 14, 2015, at about 4:24 p.m., Trooper Hanson observed an illegal right turn in which the driver was unable to negotiate the turn and remain in the correct turning lane throughout the turn. The driver of the vehicle was Jeffrey Ferdig. Ferdig had two female passengers and an infant child in the vehicle. Trooper Hanson discovered that Ferdig's license was suspended. Trooper Hansen started a DUI investigation on Ferdig. Ferdig was arrested for a DUI. Jeffrey Ferdig provided a blood sample that tested positive for methamphetamine at 24 ng/ml. Ferdig submitted to a Drug Recognition Expert who also identified that Ferdig was currently under the influence of a substance. Due to Ferdig's condition of being intoxicated with a child in the vehicle the State brought the charge of Abuse and Neglect of a Minor.

Sentencing Synopsis:

On the charge in Count 1, for Ingestion of a Schedule 1 or 2 Controlled Substance, which is a class five felony, the Court sentenced Jeffrey Ferdig with a suspended five year sentence to the state penitentiary, under the terms and conditions that Jeffrey Ferdig successfully complete a term of supervised probation of three years. The Court further ordered that Ferdig serve four days in the county jail with credit for the four days that he had previously spent incarcerated. Jeffrey Ferdig was ordered complete several terms and conditions, which include that Jeffrey Ferdig, pay the following: A Fine in the amount of \$500.00; \$104.00 in Court Costs; \$10.00 in Prosecution Costs; \$45.00 to the SD Drug Control Fund; and \$1,756.50 in Court Appointed Attorney fees.

On the charge in Count 2, for DUI, which is a class one misdemeanor, the Court revoked Ferdig's driver's license for thirty days and ordered that Ferdig to pay the following: A Fine in the amount of \$350.00; and \$84.00 in Court Costs.

On the charge in Count 3, for Contributing to the Abuse and Neglect of a Minor, which is a class one misdemeanor, the Court revoked Ferdig's to pay the following: A Fine in the amount of \$300.00; and \$84.00 in Court Costs.

Criminal History:

This is Jeffrey Ferdig's first career felony conviction. Ferdig's criminal history disqualifies him from a suspended imposition pursuant to SD's laws.