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Defendant's Name: James Hanson
Age: 50
City and State of residence: Sioux City, IA
Criminal File Number: 15-239
Date of Offense: July 17, 2015
Date of Indictment: August 26, 2015
Date of Arraignment: August 17, 2015
Change of Plea Date: December 7, 2015
Convicted of: Ct. 2: (2nd Offense) Driving Under the Influence, 22-23-1(2), (M1);
Ct. 4: Ingestion, 22-42-15, (M1); and
Part II: Prior DUI conviction.
Date of Sentencing: January 25, 2016
Arresting Officer: SDHP, Cody Jansen
Court Appointed Attorney: Rachel Rasmussen

Case Synopsis:

On July 17, 2015 at about 11:08 a.m., Trooper Jansen observed a vehicle traveling 85 mph in a 80 mph zone at mile marker 37 on Interstate 29. Trooper Jansen started to conduct a DUI investigation. Hanson failed the standardized field sobriety tests and was arrested for Driving Under the Influence. A search of the vehicle revealed marijuana, drug paraphernalia, and Xanax pills. Hanson advised that while the pills in his possession were a friends pills. Hanson also stated that he has a prescription for Xanax. James Hansen provided a urine sample which tested positive for marijuana (THC) at 403 ng/ml.

Sentencing Synopsis:

The court sentenced James Hanson to the following on the Driving Under the Influence second offense to sixty days in the Union County Jail with fifty days suspended. James Hanson was further placed on un-supervised probation for three-hundred and sixty days. Hanson's license was also revoked for a period of one-year following his release from custody. James Hanson was also ordered to pay the following: A fine of \$500.00; Court Costs of \$84.00; Prosecution Costs of \$100.00; and a \$50.00 DUI Fee. Hanson was further ordered to start serving his jail sentence on February 11, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

The court sentenced James Hanson to the following on the Ingestion charge to pay the following: Court Costs of \$84.00; SD Drug Control Fund fee of \$45.00; and a fine of \$371.00.

Criminal History:

This case was resolved with appropriate misdemeanor charges. The felony charge against James Hanson was dismissed due to issue with him having a verified prescription for the substance that he had in his possession.