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Defendant's Name: Amber Jacobson
Age: 32
City and State of residence: Rugby, ND
Criminal File Number: 16-109
Violation Date: March 10, 2016
Indictment Date: March 30, 2016
Charges: Ct. 1) Possession of Schedule 1 or 2 Controlled Substance, SDCL 22-42-5, (F5); and
Ct. 2) Possession of Drug Marijuana, 22-42-6, (M1); and
Ct. 3) Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, 22-42A-3, (M2)
Arrestment Date: May 9, 2016
Change of Plea Date: August 29, 2016
Plead to the Following: Ct. 1) Possession of Schedule 1 or 2 Controlled Substance, SDCL 22-42-5, (F5).
Disposition Date: August 29, 2016
Arresting Officer(s): Trooper Trent Heuertz ~ SDHP;
Trooper Cody Jansen ~ SDHP;
Defendant's Attorney: Kati Johnson
Prosecuting Attorney: Alexis Tracy

Case Synopsis:

On March 30, 2016 at about 10:00 o'clock, Trooper Heuertz was running radar on Interstate 29 at about mile marker 34 when he observed a vehicle traveling 85 mph in an 80 mph zone. Prior to stopping the vehicle, he observed the driver cross the fog line and drive on the right shoulder of the road. The Trooper stopped and approached the vehicle which now had both front window rolled all the way down. The driver had just lit a cigarette and the passenger was messing with her phone in which her hands were physically shaking. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Charles Pollard. Pollard was asked for consent to search the vehicle which he granted. Prior to searching, the Trooper approached the passenger, an Amber Jacobson, who admitted that she had a small amount of marijuana in her possession. Jacobson then handed the Trooper her stash and her paraphernalia. A search of the vehicle and its contents revealed the following: a marijuana grinder; a meth pipe; a bottle with marijuana residue; a glass jar with marijuana residue; a metal marijuana residue; four plastic baggies with small amounts of methamphetamine; and prescription medication that was not prescribed to anyone in the vehicle. The prescription medication was determined to be Methylphenidate. The fourth bag of methamphetamine contained .13 grams of methamphetamine with the other three bags containing residue amounts of methamphetamine.

Jacobson admitted that her urine would come back positive for the prescription pills and the marijuana. Charles Pollard admitted to the knowing possession of the methamphetamine. Both were arrested for the possession of the methamphetamine and the

items that they admitted to. Charles Pollard provided a urine sample for testing which tested positive for marijuana at 1,355 ng/ml, and methamphetamine at 15,867 ng/ml. Amber Jacobson provided a urine sample for testing. That sample tested positive for marijuana at 768 ng/ml, and methamphetamine at 4,666 ng/ml.

Original Sentencing Synopsis:

On August 29, 2016, the Court sentenced Amber Jacobson. The Court considered the arguments of the State and the Defense, and decided to offer Amber Jacobson a suspended imposition of sentence as a matter of judicial clemency with the consent of the Jacobson. What this means, is that if Amber Jacobson satisfies the courts terms of supervised probation the court will seal the defendant's file. To that end, the Court ordered that Jacobson serve four years of supervised probation. Jacobson is also required to pay \$104 in Court Costs; \$48.50 in Prosecution Costs; \$153 to the SD Drug Control Fund; \$200 in fines; and \$713 to the county for her Court Appointed Attorney Fees.

Criminal History:

This is Amber Jacobson's first career felony offense which will be sealed at the end of her probation if she does not violate her supervised probation.