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## Press Release - For Immediate Release

Defendant's Name: Brian Edward Johnson  
Age: 30  
City and State of Residence: St. Louis, Mo  
Criminal File Number: 15-413  
Incident Date: November 17, 2015  
Information Date: December 4, 2015  
Arraignment Date: December 7, 2015  
Change of Plea Date: December 7, 2015  
Date of Sentencing: December 7, 2015  
Convicted of: Ct. 1: Possession of a Schedule 1 or 2 Controlled Substance, 22-42-5, (F5)  
Arresting Officer: Trooper Trent Heuertz – SD Highway Patrol  
Trooper Stuart Griffith – SD Highway Patrol  
Inspector Daniel Fields – SD Division of Motor Carrier Inspector  
Court Appointed Attorney: Jeff Myers

### Case Synopsis:

On November 17, 2015, Inspector Fields and Trooper Trent Heuertz were inspecting a truck owned by Melis Salihovic. Salihovic gave permission to search his commercial motor vehicle while at the port of entry check point. Salihovic had a passenger in his vehicle named Brian Johnson. Johnson admitted that he had four beers in his property which is a motor carrier violation. Cocaine was also located in Johnson's property. Johnson admitted that the cocaine was his. Brian Johnson provided a urine sample that tested positive for Benzoyllecgonine (Cocaine) at a level of 18,304 ng/ml, and Marijuana (THC) at a level of 21 ng/ml.

### Sentencing Synopsis:

On the charge in Count 1, Possession of a Schedule 1 or 2 Controlled Substance, which is a class five felony, the Court sentenced Brian Johnson with a suspended four year sentence to the state penitentiary, under the terms and conditions that Brian Johnson shall satisfy two years of supervised probation. Brian Johnson was ordered to serve Twenty-One days in the county jail, with Johnson to receive credit for the Nineteen days that he spent incarcerated prior to sentencing. Brian Johnson shall be required to pay all monetary obligations which include a fine of Five Hundred Dollars, Court-Appointed Attorney Fees of Four Hundred and Fifty Dollars, and Ninety-Nine Dollars to the SD Drug Fund.

### Criminal History:

This is Brian Johnson's second career felony conviction.