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Defendant's Name: David Lynch
Age: 26
City and State of Residence: Elk Point, SD
Criminal File Number: 15-207
Incident Date: June 24, 2015
Indictment Date: July 8, 2015
Arrest Date: August 3, 2015
Change of Plea Date: November 23, 2015
Date of Sentencing: January 25, 2016
Convicted of: Ct. 1A: Aggravated Assault, 22-18-1.1(8), (F3) (Domestic)
Arresting Officer: Deputy Jason Westcott – Union County Sheriff's Office
Court Appointed Attorney: Rachel Rasmussen

Case Synopsis:

On June 24, 2015, at about 7:28 p.m., Deputy Westcott responded to a domestic abuse call. As the deputy was responding to the scene, neighbors were standing along the curb pointing down the street directing the officer toward the scene. After leaving the bar in Jefferson, Lynch and Langley started arguing. Lynch was in a vehicle with Henke and Langley. Langley, who was driving, told Lynch that she no longer wanted to be with him. Lynch became upset and from the back seat, Lynch began to strangle Langley. Henke had to intervene as Lynch's actions were placing everyone at risk as Langley was driving up the Interstate. Lynch continued to be aggressive toward Langley until she stopped the car and everyone exited the vehicle. Lynch began to assault Langley again until Henke stopped Lynch's assault.

Sentencing Synopsis:

On the charge in Count 1A, for Aggravated Assault, which is a class three felony, the Court sentenced David Lynch with a suspended ten year sentence to the state penitentiary, under the terms and conditions that David Lynch successfully complete a term of supervised probation of five years. The Court further ordered that David Lynch serve sixty days in the county jail. David Lynch was ordered complete several terms and conditions, which include that David Lynch, pay the following. David Lynch was ordered to pay \$104.00 in Court Costs; \$128.25 in Prosecution Costs; \$25.00 in a Domestic Violence Fee; and \$885.90 in Court Appointed Attorney fees.

Criminal History:

This is David Lynch's second career felony conviction.