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Defendant's Name: Kevin Markee
Age: 23
City and State of Residence: North Sioux City, SD
Criminal File Number: 15-305
Incident Date: September 3, 2015
Indictment Date: September 16, 2015
Arraignment Date: October 26, 2015
Change of Plea Date: November 23, 2015
Date of Sentencing: January 8, 2016
Convicted of: Ct. 1: Possession of a Schedule 1 or 2 Controlled Substance, 22-42-5, (F5)
Arresting Officer: Trooper Mike Boyd – SD Highway Patrol
Trooper Zac O'Neil - SD Highway Patrol
Trooper Cody Jansen - SD Highway Patrol
Court Appointed Attorney: Rachel Rasmussen

Case Synopsis:

On September 3, 2015, Trooper Mike Boyd observed a vehicle on Interstate 29 near mile marker 23 attempted to pass another vehicle. The suspect vehicle failed to stay in its own lane while overtaking the vehicle. As the vehicle went past the trooper's location, the trooper was able to hear that the suspect vehicle's exhaust system was not attached properly to the manifold of the vehicle. The officer stopped the vehicle for a loud exhaust system and for failing to travel within its lane. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Kevin Markee. Markee gave permission to search the vehicle. A bag was found that contained unused baggies; and 10 baggies containing small amounts of methamphetamine along with other paraphernalia items. Markee's passenger was Dietrik Cunningham who denied any knowledge of the items in the vehicle. Markee provided a urine sample that tested positive for Amphetamine at a level of 6061 ng/ml, and Methamphetamine at a level of 24,265 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 Kevin Markee with a suspended five year sentence to the state penitentiary, under the terms and conditions that Kevin Markee shall continue under the supervision of the Board of Pardons and Paroles pursuant to criminal file CRI 10-325. Markee was ordered to serve One Hundred and Thirty-One days in the county jail, with One Hundred and Twenty-Seven days that he spent incarcerated. Markee shall be released on January 12, 2016 to attend the Arch Program in Sioux Falls, SD. The Court further ordered several other conditions, which include that Markee being required to pay all monetary obligations which includes Two Hundred and Thirty-Five Dollars and Seventy cents; One Hundred Dollars in prosecution costs; and One Hundred and Fifty-Three Dollars to the SD Drug Fund. Markee's sentence in file CRI15-305 shall run concurrent with file CRI15-136.

Criminal History:

This is Kevin Markee's fourth career felony conviction.