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October 28, 2016

## Press Release - For Immediate Release

Defendant's Name: Russel S. Bergenske Jr.  
Age: 24  
City and State of residence: Sioux City, IA  
Criminal File Number: 15-132  
Violation Date: January 9 – February 10, 2015  
Indictment Date: April 22, 2015  
Charges: Ct. 1A) Grand Theft by Insufficient Funds Check;  
Ct. 1B) Grand Theft by No Account Check  
Ct. 2A) First Degree Petty Theft by Insufficient Funds Check  
Ct. 2B) First Degree Petty Theft by No Account Check  
Arrestment Date: May 18, 2015  
Change of Plea Date: May 23, 2016  
Plead to the Following: Ct. 1A) Grand Theft by Insufficient Funds Check, (F6);  
Sentencing Date: May 23, 2016  
Defense Attorney: Rachel Rasmussen  
Prosecuting Attorney: Alexis Tracy

### **Case Synopsis:**

The Union County State's Attorney's Office received a report detailing that Russel Bergenske Jr. wrote twenty-seven checks to the various casinos in Union County totaling \$2,087.29 from January 9, 2015 through February 10, 2015.

### **Original Sentencing Synopsis:**

On May 23, 2016, the Court sentenced Russel Bergenske Jr. to a suspended two-year sentence to the South Dakota State Penitentiary and a term of two years of supervised probation. Bergenske is required to pay the full amount of restitution back to the casinos in addition to his court costs and prosecution costs. Bergenske is further ordered to pay Union County \$571.70 for his court-appointed attorney fees.

### **Criminal History:**

This Russel Bergenske Jr.'s had a previous misdemeanor conviction for a crime of dishonesty. This is Bergenske's first career felony offense.