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Defendant's Name: Albert Stabler
Age: 19
City and State of Residence: Elk Point, SD
Criminal File Number: 15-183
Incident Date: June 7, 2015
Indictment Date: July 8, 2015
Arrestment Date: August 3, 2015
Change of Plea Date: November 23, 2015
Date of Sentencing: January 25, 2016
Convicted of: Ct. 1: Aiding and Abetting – Possession of Marijuana with the Intent to Distribute, 22-3-3 & 22-42-7, (M6)
Arresting Officer: Chief Richard Headed – North Sioux City Police Department
Defense Attorney: Jeff Myers

Case Synopsis:

On June 7, 2015, at about 10:15 a.m., Chief Richard Headid responded to call from a concerned citizen who reported that a person was attempting to sell him marijuana through a social media internet site. The person was later identified as Peyton Heintzelman. She stated that she would meet this person at a location within North Sioux City, SD. Working with the police department a meeting was set up with this Heintzelman. Heintzelman advised that description of the vehicle that she was in, as well as that she was also with another man, who was later identified as Ablert Stabler. Heintzelman admitted that she had marijuana for sale. Stabler was found to be working with Heintzelman and assisting in the distribute of the marijuana. The following was found during the search of the Heintzelman / Stabler vehicle: Many items of drug paraphernalia; a scale; and 11.1 ounces of marijuana. Stabler provided a urine sample, which tested positive for marijuana (THC) at 290 ng/ml.

Sentencing Synopsis:

On the charge in Count 1, for Aiding and Abetting the Possession of Marijuana with the Intent to Distribute, which is a class six felony, the court exercised its discretion of judicial clemency and granted Albert Stabler a suspended imposition of sentence. The Court then ordered that Albert Stabler successfully complete a two year term of supervised probation. Albert Stabler was further ordered to serve thirty days in the county jail with credit for three days previously served. Albert Stabler was ordered to start his county jail sentence on February 1, 2016. Albert Stabler was also ordered to pay the following: A fine of \$200.00; Court Costs of \$104.00; Prosecution Costs of \$43.75; \$45.00 to the SD Drug Fund; and \$609.50 in Court-Appointed Attorney Fees.

Criminal History:

This is Albert Stabler's first career felony offense which qualifies him to be eligible for the suspended imposition of sentence. If he is successful on probation, this offense will be sealed from his permeant record.