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## Press Release - For Immediate Release

Defendant's Name: Ryan Dirico  
Age: 25  
City and State of residence: North Sioux City, SD  
Criminal File Number: 15-180  
Date of Offense: May 30, 2015  
Date of Indictment: June 10, 2015  
Date of Arraignment: July 20, 2015  
Change of Plea Date: November 16, 2015  
Convicted of: Ct. 2: Reckless Driving, 32-24-1, (M1),  
Date of Sentencing: November 16, 2015  
Arresting Officer: Officer Dustin Sharkey – North Sioux City Police Department  
Defense Attorney: Matthew Metzgar

### Case Synopsis:

On May 30, 2015, the North Sioux City Police Department was called to the KOA campground to investigate a hit and run injury accident, as a felony offense. Witnesses and victims reported that a black Mercedes was flying through the campground in an unsafe manner. When those who were camping in the KOA campground as well as the people who supervise the facility told the driver to modify his driving behavior, it was reported that the driver, a Ryan Dirico, used profane language to object to their comments. This resulted in campers standing in the roadway in front of Dirico preventing him and his vehicle from continuing forward. Soon thereafter, other campers surrounded the Mercedes. Dirico's defense alleged that he felt threatened by this behavior and that he was left with no alternative but to drive through the crowd. One such victim claims that the car ran into her and that she went over the hood and off the side of the vehicle to avoid being run over by the driver. This person went to the hospital with minor injuries. Another person claimed that Dirico nearly hit him and his dog while he was traveling at least ten miles an hour over the posted speed limit within the campground. The driver was not identified on May 30, 2015, however, the same vehicle returned on May 31, 2015 and was stopped by law enforcement. This same vehicle now had different plates than what was reported the day before. The state entered into a plea agreement in this case, in which the Defendant would plead guilty to the reckless driving if the State dismissed the balance of the charges.

### Sentencing Synopsis:

The court sentenced Ryan Dirico to serve thirty days in the Union County Jail and then suspended those thirty days under the terms and condition that Dirico not have any like violation within the next year; pay all obligations; and obey all laws. As part of his unsupervised probation, Dirico was ordered to pay a fine of \$1,000.

### Criminal History:

Ryan Dirico's has a very limited misdemeanor criminal record.