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Press Release - For Immediate Release

Defendant's Name: Javier Ramos-Lopez
Age: 25
City and State of Residence: Sioux Falls, SD
Criminal File Number: 15-166
Incident Date: March 28, 2015
Indictment Date: May 20, 2015
Arraignment Date: November 9, 2015
Change of Plea Date: November 23, 2015
Date of Sentencing: November 23, 2015
Convicted of: Ct. 1: Ingestion of a Schedule 1 or 2 Controlled Substance, 22-42-5, (F5)
Arresting Officer: Deputy Stephanie Ryan – Union County Sheriff's Office
Court Appointed Attorney: Jeff Myers

Case Synopsis:

On March 28, 2015, Trooper Johnson observed an Iowa plated vehicle on Interstate 29, traveling 84mph in a 75 mph zone. The driver of the vehicle was identified as David Ortega. Ortega was found to have a revoked driver's license. Prior to Deputy Ryan deploying her drug trained canine partner around the vehicle that Ortega was driving, Ortega admitted to the possession marijuana in his vehicle. The following items were found in the Ortega vehicle: two marijuana pipes; a marijuana blunt; lighters; air fresheners; eye drops; and loose marijuana (shake) in side the vehicle. Another passenger in the vehicle identified that the marijuana blunt was being passed around the vehicle prior to the stop. A search warrant was issued for the driver and the two passengers to secure a sample of each person's urine. As to the passenger, Javier Ramos Lopez, who provided a urine sample pursuant to the search warrant, tested positive for marijuana (THC) at a level of 2454 ng/ml and Benzoylcgonine (Cocaine) at a level of 12,068 ng/ml.

Sentencing Synopsis:

On the charge in Count 1, for Ingestion of a Schedule 1 or 2 Controlled Substance, which is a class five felony, the Court sentenced Javier Ramos-Lopez with a suspended five year sentence to the state penitentiary, under the terms and conditions that Ramos-Lopez successfully complete a term of supervised probation of four years. The Court further ordered that several conditions, which include that Ramos-Lopez, pay all monetary obligations and that Ramos-Lopez serve three days in the county jail. Ramos-Lopez was given credit for the three days that he spent incarcerated prior to sentencing.

Criminal History:

This is Javier Ramos-Lopez's second career felony conviction.