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November 1, 2017

## Press Release - For Immediate Release

Defendant's Name: Lucas Risseeuw  
Age: 24  
City and State of residence: Sioux Falls, SD  
Criminal File Number: 13-377  
Originally Convicted of: Possession of Schedule 1 or 2 Controlled Substance, (F5) 22-42-5.1  
Failure to Stop at Weigh Station, (M2) 32-33-17  
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, (M2) 22-42A-3  
Date of Sentence: March 17, 2014  
Arresting Officer: Trent Heuertz – SDHP  
Defense Attorney: Mike McGill  
Prosecution Attorney: Jerry Miller

Probation Violation # 1: Absconding & Failure to Obey all laws  
Admission Date of PV: August 7, 2017  
Disposition Date of PV: August 7, 2017  
Defense Attorney: Jeff Myers  
Prosecution Attorney: Jerry Miller

### Original Case Synopsis:

On November 25, 2013, Lucas Risseeuw was driving a semi-tractor trailer combination north bound on I-29 and had failed to stop at the weigh station. Trooper Heuertz stopped Risseeuw and noted that he had changed the color of the lights in the cab from white to green. Trooper Heuertz who is a canine handler that trained to detect illegal and controlled substances, he is also a Drug Recognition Expert. Trooper Heuertz's training noted the changed lighting system as a common action for individuals who use stimulants. The use of stimulants causes the user's eyes to be light sensitive. Risseeuw admitted that he was in knowing possession of a methamphetamine and paraphernalia. Risseeuw minimized what the Trooper would fine. Risseeuw was found to be in possession of several items of paraphernalia and residue amounts of methamphetamine along with a small baggie of methamphetamine. Risseeuw consented to provide a urine sample which tested positive for 5000 ng/ml of methamphetamine, and 520 ng/ml of amphetamine. All of the items seized were tested and found to be positive for the presence of methamphetamine.

### Original Sentencing Synopsis:

On the charge of possession of a schedule 1 or 2 controlled substance, a class five felony, the Court sentenced Risseeuw to a five-year suspended sentence. The Court further ordered that Risseeuw would serve five years on supervised probation. The Court further ordered that Risseeuw must pay all, fines, court costs, prosecution costs, and court-appointed attorney fees.

On the charge of failure to stop at a weigh station, a class two misdemeanor, the Court sentenced Risseeuw to pay additional fines and costs.

On the charge of possession of drug paraphernalia, a class two misdemeanor, the Court sentenced Risseeuw to pay additional fines and costs.

### Synopsis of Probation Violation 1:

Risseeuw violated probation by failing to report to any scheduled appointments with his Iowa Probation Officer since April 27, 2016. Risseeuw has continued to use his mother's address as his residence and mailing address, but local law enforcement believes he is seldom there. Numerous messages were left for Risseeuw's mother by Risseeuw's Court Services Officer, but she has never returned any calls. On January 5, 2017, Risseeuw left a voice mail message for his Iowa Court Services Officer. Defendant's Iowa Court Services Officer called the number left by Defendant several times, but only reached a message that said "Disconnected, changed or no longer in Service". Risseeuw's Iowa Probation Officer also sent letters to Risseeuw on March 17, 2017 and May 24, 2017 requiring an appointment to meet with Risseeuw at the Lyon County Sheriff's Office in Rock Rapids, Iowa. However, Risseeuw failed to report to either of these appointments.

In March 2017, the Nobles County Minnesota Sheriff's Department questioned Risseeuw about a theft of several firearms, but no charges have been filed. At the time of questioning, Risseeuw admitted to Deputy Lonnie Roloff that Risseeuw had purchased a firearm even though he was restricted from doing so. The Nobles County Sheriff's Department investigation also indicated that Risseeuw was in possession of five (5) firearms when he met a possible buyer of those firearms in Minnesota.

**Synopsis of Probation Violation 2:**

On July 23, 2017, Risseeuw was charged in Minnehaha County, South Dakota with Possession of Controlled Drug or Substance, Methamphetamine, which is listed in Schedule II, in violation of SDCL 22-42-5 and with Use or Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, in violation of SDCL 22-42A-3. And again, on July 23, 2017, Defendant was charged with Carrying a Concealed Weapon in the form of three Smith and Wesson HRT boot knives in violation of Section 133.001 of the Code of Ordinances of Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

**Synopsis Disposition / Sentencing following adjudication of Probation Violation:**

On the charge of possession of a schedule 1 or 2 controlled substance, a class five felony, the Court re-sentenced Risseeuw to three-years to the South Dakota State Penitentiary with the sentence to begin immediately. The Court further ordered that Risseeuw must pay all unpaid fines, court costs, prosecution costs, and court-appointed attorney fees including new court-appointed attorney fees.

**Criminal History Synopsis:**

This is Lucas Risseeuw's second probation violation on his third career felony conviction.