
June 20, 2017

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Defendant's Name: Justin Ames
Age: 37
State of residence: Sioux City, IA
Criminal File Number: 17-062
Incident Date: Between November 18, 2016 and December 16, 2016
Indictment Date: February 15, 2017
Charges Filed: Ct. 1: Grand Theft by Deception, SDCL 22-30A-3 & 22-30A-17, F6 2/4
Arraignment Hearing: March 6, 2017
Change of Plea Date: March 27, 2017
Date of Sentencing: March 27, 2017
Convicted of: Ct. 1: Grand Theft by Deception, SDCL 22-30A-3 & 22-30A-17, F6 2/4

Arresting Officer: Officer Dustin Sharkey - NSCPD

Defense Attorney: Tom Frieberg
Prosecution Attorney: Jerry A. Miller

Case Synopsis:

On December 19, 2016, Officer Dustin Sharkey of the North Sioux City Police Department, met with William Ames. Mr. Ames wanted to report that his son Justin Ames had written multiple checks on his account and that he did not give him permission to do so. Officer Sharkey requested copies of the checks and received such from Mr. Ames on December 20, 2016. At this point Officer Sharkey started an investigation and determined that 21 checks (totaling around \$1410.00) were wrote to the Glass Palace Casino in North Sioux City, SD. On December 22, 2016, Officer Sharkey met with Richard Scott of the Glass Palace Casino. Mr. Scott was able to identify that Justin Ames had been in the Glass Palace on numerous occasion between November 18, 2016, and December 16, 2016, and had written numerous checks to the Glass Palace. Officer Sharkey was able to get videos from the Glass Palace that showed Justin Ames on multiple occasions cashing checks in the casino on the dates mentioned above. Justin Ames was charged with Grand Theft by Deception, a class 6 felony on February 15, 2017 in Union County, South Dakota.

Sentencing Synopsis:

The Court sentenced William Ames to the following on Count I, Grand Theft by Deception, a violation of SDCL 22-30A-3 & 22-30-17, a class 6 felony. William Ames shall serve Two (2) years in the South Dakota State Penitentiary. The Court further ORDERED that Two (2) years of William Ames sentence shall be suspended upon Ames satisfying the following terms and

conditions. William Ames shall be placed on **supervised probation** for Two (2) years and must satisfy the following terms and conditions:

1. William Ames shall be placed under the supervision of the Chief Court Officer, or his representative, for a period of Two (2) years. The Defendant shall sign and comply with all terms of Adult Probation Agreement.
2. William Ames's supervision may be transferred to the State of Iowa for supervision.
3. William Ames shall obey all federal, state and local laws.
4. William Ames shall not possess or use any alcoholic beverages, or use or possess any controlled drugs or illegal substances, including marijuana, while on probation with the exception of medications lawfully prescribed and ingested according to the doses prescribed by a licensed physician.
5. William Ames shall waive his/her Fourth Amendment right against warrant-less random search and seizure by his/her Probation Officer and/or any law enforcement officer upon request, to include the Defendant's person, vehicle, and residence. This waiver shall include the Defendant submitting to a UA, breath or other bodily substance upon request. William Ames shall remain responsible for the costs of all UA's or any other substance tests.
6. William Ames shall successfully complete the Drug Court Program in Iowa as a condition of probation.
7. William Ames shall not enter any establishment that obtains its primary source of income through the sale of alcohol or gambling.
8. Court Services shall have the discretion to require William Ames to participate in the CBISA program, MRT program or other classes and programming as Court Services may direct during the term of probation.
9. William Ames shall pay all monetary obligations as Ordered by this Court as a term of satisfying Defendant's probation. The Defendant shall work with his probation officer and establish a minimum monthly payment plan and forward payments to the Clerk of Courts.

William Ames shall serve a sentence of Twenty-Four (24) Days in the Union County Jail. The Court further ORDERED that the Defendant shall receive credit for Twenty-Four (24) days that William Ames spent incarcerated prior to disposition.

William Ames shall pay the following amounts: Court Costs of One Hundred Four (\$104.00) Dollars; Prosecution Costs in the amount of Ten (\$10.00) Dollars; Restitution payable to (William Ames, 806 Bruner St., Sioux City, IA 51109) in the amount of One Thousand Four Hundred Ten (\$1,410.00) Dollars; and Restitution payable to (Whistle Stop Casino, (RE: MAG15-

094) 200 River Drive, North Sioux City, SD 57049) in the amount of Two Hundred Twenty (\$220.00) Dollars.

William Ames was further ordered to pay the following amounts: Court Appointed Attorneys Fees in the amount of Four Hundred Four Dollars and Eighty (\$404.80) Cents. It is further ORDERED that Union County is awarded a Judgment for said Court Appointed Attorney Fees in this matter.

William Ames' Count I sentence shall run **concurrent** to his sentence in Iowa.

Criminal History Synopsis:

Mr. Ames currently has an Arrest Warrant in Plymouth County, IA for Forgery, resulting from the same type of events that took place in Union County. On January 23, 2017, Mr. Ames plead guilty to Forgery, a class D felony, in Woodbury County, IA. Mr. Ames received a deferred Judgment and was sentenced to 2 years of probation. On January 24, 2017, Mr. Ames Plead Guilty to a Forgery 2nd degree, a misdemeanor in Dakota County, NE, and was sentenced to 60 days in jail. Mr. Ames, also had an OWI, Misdemeanor, in Woodbury County, IA in September of 1998,