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Defendant's Name: Christopher Baumann
Age: 45
City and State of residence: Flagstaff, AZ
Criminal File Number: 14-300
Offense Date: July 6, 2014
Indictment Date: August 13, 2014
Offenses Charged: Ct.1: First Degree Burglary (F2)
Ct.2: First Degree Intentional Damage to Property (F6)
Ct.3: Possession of Burglary Tools w/ Intent to Commit Burglary (F6)
Ct.4: Second Degree Petty Theft (M2)

Arraignment Date: June 27, 2016
Change of Plea Date: August 1, 2016
Convicted of: Ct.2: First Degree Intentional Damage to Property (F6)
Arresting Officer: Chief Richard Headid – North Sioux City Police Department
Officer Mike Palmer – North Sioux City Police Department

Sentencing Date: September 12, 2016
Defense Attorney: Jeff Myers
Prosecutor: Alexis A. Tracy

Case Synopsis:

On July 6, 2014 Christopher Baumann was identified through investigation as the person who was seen in the McCook Apartment Building on Streeter Drive in North Sioux City. BAUMANN, who was not a resident of the apartment complex, had entered the complex and made his way to the laundry facilities which is set aside only for the residence of the complex. BAUMANN was neither licensed nor privileged to enter or remain in the laundry facilities. BAUMANN was seen by tenants of the apartment complex breaking into the pay-for-use washers and dryers.

As officers were responding, BAUMANN's vehicle description was given to law enforcement, and a high-speed pursuit took SD officers onto the interstate and into the State of Iowa where BAUMANN was stopped. BAUMANN was found to have coin boxes in his possession from more locations than just the McCook Apartment Complex. He also had two outstanding warrants for his arrest. One warrant was from Arizona, and one warrant was from Minnesota. BAUMANN is under investigation for other break-ins in multiple jurisdiction

Sentencing Synopsis:

On September 12, 2016, the Court addressed the class 6 felony charge of First Degree Intentional Damage to Property. The Court sentenced BAUMANN to a suspended two-year sentence to the South Dakota State Penitentiary and two years of supervised probation. The Court also ordered that BAUMANN spend 84 days in the Union County Jail, and the Court then gave BAUMANN credit for the 84 days BAUMANN spent incarcerated prior to sentencing. It was further ordered that BAUMANN must pay the following: \$104 in court costs; \$10 in prosecution costs; \$1,500 in restitution to the McCook Apartments; and court-appointed attorney fees back to the county in the amount of \$552.00.

Criminal History Synopsis:

This is BAUMANN's fifth career felony conviction. BAUMANN criminal history includes an adult felony file in another state in which the Court granted BAUMANN a suspended imposition of sentence. BAUMANN's history also includes a two misdemeanor theft convictions; two felony theft convictions; Felony possession of pornographic materials; and a failure to register as a sex offender conviction. BAUMANN's history also includes a history of probation violations when placed on probation by various courts.