
November 3, 2017

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Defendant's Name: Connie Dominguez
Age: 43
City and State of residence: Wayne, NE
Criminal File Number: 17-131
Incident Date: February 2, 2017
Indicted: April 19, 2017
Charged with: Ct. 1: Attempted 1st Degree Murder (Domestic), SDCL 22-16-4 & 22-16-12 & 22-4-1 (F2) 25/50
Ct.2A: Aggravated Assault (Domestic), SDCL 22-18-1.1(1) (F3) 15/30
Ct.2B: Aggravated Assault (Domestic), SDCL 22-18-1.1(2) (F3) 15/30
Ct.2C: Aggravated Assault (Domestic), SDCL 22-18-1.1(5) (F3) 15/30
Ct. 3: Reckless Driving, SDCL 32-24-1 (M1) 1/2
Arrested: May 22, 2017
Plead Guilty On: July 10, 2017
Convicted of: Ct.2C: Aggravated Assault (Domestic), SDCL 22-18-1.1(5) (F3) 15/30;
Ct. 3: Reckless Driving, SDCL 32-24-1 (M1) 1/2
Sentencing Date: September 21, 2017
Court Appointed Attorney: Jeff Myers
Prosecution Attorney: Jason Ravensborg

Case Synopsis:

On February 2, 2017, Connie Dominguez had given Rodney King a ride to the Clay County Court House so that Rodney King could be present to address his felony drug charge. After court, Dominguez was taking King back to Canton, SD where King lives. Dominguez and King engaged in a verbal argument over the issue of King receiving a phone call from his ex-girlfriend. The argument continued after Dominguez and King stopped at the Coffee Cup travel center at the I-29 and SD Hwy 50 intersection. As the two were driving North bound on I-29, King decided that he needed to start recording his conversation with Dominguez. King told Dominguez that he was recording the conversation. Dominguez's behavior became more outrageous until she made the following statement to King, 'Baby, we are going to Die.' At this point in time, Dominguez jerked the wheel causing the vehicle that Dominguez was driving, to abruptly turn into the median and subsequently roll over. Witnesses to this event said that there was no reason for the driver to swerve into the median. King's recording continued during until law enforcement arrived and King explained to the law enforcement how to shut the phone recording off. Dominguez is heard on the recording refusing to identify King to the rescue personnel that arrived. The recording leaves no question that Dominguez purposefully used her vehicle to assault King, however it was her intent to end King's life and her own through her words and actions.

Sentencing Synopsis:

On September 21, 2017 the Court sentenced Connie Dominguez on the charge of Aggravated Assault (Domestic), a class 3 felony with a seven (7) year suspended sentence to the South Dakota State Penitentiary. Dominguez was placed on supervised probation for a term of Four (4) years under the following terms and conditions.

1. Dominguez shall be placed on supervised probation for a period of Four (4) years.
2. Dominguez's probation may be transferred to the state of NE.
3. Dominguez shall obey all federal, state, and local laws.
4. Dominguez shall not possess or use any alcoholic beverages, or use or possess any controlled drug or other illegal substance, including marijuana, while on probation, with the exception of medications lawfully prescribed and ingested according to the doses prescribed by a licensed physician.
5. Dominguez shall waive her fourth amendment right against warrantless random search seizure by 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, breathe or other bodily substance upon request. The Defendant shall remain responsible for the costs of all the UA's or any other substance tests.
6. Dominguez shall have no contact with Mr. Rodney King unless approved by her court service officer.
7. Dominguez shall follow all recommendations for treatment by her doctor/counselor, including any medications that he/she may prescribe for the defendant's physical and mental health.
8. Dominguez shall pay all monetary obligations as ordered by this court as a term of satisfying defendant's probation. Dominguez shall enter into an agreement with court services to establish a minimum monthly payment plan and all obligations are to be paid in full within Four (4) years.
9. Dominguez shall not enter into any establishment that obtains its primary source of income through the sale of alcohol.
10. Dominguez shall be regularly employed or otherwise attending educational classes approved by court services as a condition of probation.

Dominguez was also required to pay a total of \$629.00 in court costs, fines and other obligations on this felony charge.

On September 21, 2017 the Court sentenced Connie Dominguez on the charge of Reckless Driving. Dominguez was ordered to pay a total of \$234.00 in court costs, fines and other obligations on this charge.

Dominguez was also ordered to pay \$863.00 in Court-Appointed Attorney Fees back to Union County. Union County was given a judgment for this amount.

Criminal History:

This is Connie Dominguez's first felony conviction on her record. However, Dominguez has had issues with disorderly conduct, simple assault and driving while suspended.