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Defendant's Name: Nathaniel Grant
Age: 19
City and State of residence: Sioux City, IA
Criminal File Number: 16-290
Date of Offense: July 31, 2016
Date of Information: August 9, 2015
Arraignment: August 15, 2016
Offense(s) Charged: Ct. 1: Grand Theft – Possession of stolen Property, (F6)
Ct. 2: Eluding (M1)
Ct. 3: Reckless Driving (M1)
Ct. 4: Driving While Revoked (M1)
Ct. 5: Ingestion (M1)
Ct. 6: Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (M2)
Ct. 7: Speeding (M2)
Ct. 8: Stop Sign Violation
Change of Plea Date: September 26, 2016
Convicted of: Ct. 1: Grand Theft – Possession of stolen Property, (F6)
Ct. 2: Eluding (M1)
Ct. 5: Ingestion (M1)
Ct. 6: Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (M2)
Date of Sentencing: November 28, 2016
Officer: Officer Faustin Mahlke – North Sioux City Police Dept.
Defense Attorney: Katie Johnson
Prosecutor: Alexis Tracy

Case Synopsis:

On July 31, 2016, Officer Mahlke joined into a pursuit crossing from Iowa into SD. The vehicle that the Iowa officers were following was reported stolen. Officer Mahlke reported that the pursuit reached speeds of 100 mph. The vehicle failed to stop at the top of the interstate exit 9 off ramp and nearly slid into the ditch. The driver and the rear seat passenger exited the driver side doors. Officer Mahlke and an Iowa officer conducted a felony stop and both driver and passenger were taken into custody. The Driver was identified as Nathaniel Grant and the rear passenger was identified as S.G. (age 17). The front seat passenger was identified as Narciso Paniagua. Drugs and paraphernalia was found in the vehicle including a scale. All three were taken into custody for possession of stolen property and drug charges. Search warrants were obtained for urine samples if needed. GRANT provided a urine sample that tested positive for marijuana (THC) at 12 ng/ml, and positive for amphetamine at 8,287 ng/ml and positive for methamphetamine 34,668 ng/ml. PANIAGUA provided a urine sample that tested positive for methamphetamine at 65,426 ng/ml and positive for amphetamine at 12,599 ng/ml, and positive for marijuana (THC) at 432 ng/ml.

Original Sentencing Synopsis:

On March 14, 2016, the Court sentenced GRANT on the class 6 felony charge of Grand Theft – Possession of Stolen Property. The Court considered the arguments of the State and the Defense, the Court ORDERED that GRANT shall be sentenced to suspended 2 years sentence to the SD state penitentiary. The Court Further Ordered that GRANT shall successfully complete a 3-year term of supervised probation. The Court sentenced GRANT to serve 180 days in the Union County Jail. The Court suspended 61 days on the condition that GRANT is accepted and enters into a halfway house program. The Court Ordered that GRANT receive 119 days that he spent incarcerated prior to sentencing. The Court Ordered that GRANT shall pay the following monetary obligations: \$104 in Court Costs; and \$45 to the SD Drug Fund.

The Court sentenced GRANT on the class 1 misdemeanor charge of Eluding. The Court sentenced GRANT to pay \$85 in Court Costs; and a fine of \$100.

The Court sentenced GRANT on the class 1 misdemeanor charge of Ingestion. The Court sentenced GRANT to pay \$85 in Court Costs; and a fine of \$100.

The Court sentenced GRANT on the class 1 misdemeanor charge of Possession of drug paraphernalia. The Court sentenced GRANT to pay \$66 in Court Costs; and a fine of \$100.

The Court further ordered that GRANT re-pay Union County the Court-Appointed Attorney Fees of \$1,194.86.

Criminal History:

This is GRANT's first career felony conviction. GRANT's previous criminal history includes a disorderly conduct; Willful failure to stop for law enforcement; Unauthorized use of vehicle; Intentionally causing contact with bodily fluid; DUI that is more than 10 years old; in addition to two simple assault convictions; and driving while barred conviction.