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Defendant's Name: Jerry L. Wooten Jr.,
Age: 22
City and State of Residence: Sioux City, IA
Criminal File Number: 16-267
Incident Date: July 4, 2016
Indictment Date: August 24, 2016
Charges: 1) Possession of Schedule 1 or 2 Controlled Substance (F5)
2) Possession of Marijuana with the Intent to Distribute (6)
3) Possession of Marijuana, (M1)
4) Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (M2)
Arrestment Date: November 18, 2016
Change of Plea Date: November 21, 2016
Convicted of: 1) Possession of Schedule 1 or 2 Controlled Substance, (F5),
Date of Sentencing: November 21, 2016
Arresting Officer: Sgt. James Prouty – Union County Sheriff's Office
Defense Attorney: Tom Frieberg
Prosecutor: Alexis A. Tracy

Case Synopsis:

On July 4, 2016, the Sheriff's office was called several times to a possible underage drinking party taking place on the beach along the river which is on State GF & P property. Jerry Wooten was one three individuals that was located at this location. The deputy could smell the odor of marijuana. Two other individuals were picking up the beach to vacate the premises as directed but WOOTEN stood off to the side smoking an E-Cig. Another officer came into contact with WOOTEN and also detected the odor of marijuana coming from his person. WOOTEN and his backpack were searched. Inside WOOTEN's wallet was nearly one thousand dollars in cash and two small baggies with white crystal powder inside which was believed to be methamphetamine. WOOTEN provided a urine sample which tested positive marijuana (THC) at 1795 for cocaine at 498 ng/ml, and benzoylecgonine at 12,002 ng/ml. The State did not bring the felony ingestion of cocaine charge pursuant to the plea agreement.

Sentencing Synopsis:

On November 21, 2016, the Court addressed the class 5 felony charge in Count 1, for Possession of a Schedule 1 or 2 Controlled Substance (Methamphetamine). The Court sentenced

WOOTEN to a suspended five-year sentence. The Court further ordered that WOOTEN be placed on supervised probation for a term of two-years. The Court ordered that WOOTEN serve 60 days in the Union County Jail. WOOTEN was then given credit for the 20 days that WOOTEN spent incarcerated prior to sentencing. WOOTEN was ordered to pay the following monetary obligations: \$104 in Court Costs; \$28.90 in prosecution costs; \$45 in fees to the SD Drug Fund; and a fine in the amount of \$500. WOOTEN was further ordered to pay \$529.00 in Court-Appointed Attorney Fees.

Criminal History:

This is WOOTEN's first career felony conviction.