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Defendant's Name: Zachary Kranz
Age: 23
City and State of Residence: Sioux City, IA
Criminal File Number: 16-287
Incident Date: July 30, 2016
Indictment Date: September 7, 2016
Charges: 1) Possession of Schedule I or II Controlled Substance, (F5)
2) Ingestion, (M1)
3) Driving with a Revoked License, (M1); and
4) No Seatbelt, SDCL 32-38-1, a petty offense, and
Part II Habitual
Arresting Officer: December 19, 2016
Change of Plea Date: January 9, 2017
Convicted of: 1) Possession of Schedule I or II Controlled Substance, (F5); and
3) Driving with a Revoked License, (M1);
Date of Sentencing: January 23, 2016
Arresting Officer: Deputy Stephanie Ryan – Union County Sheriff's Office
Officer Jon Feller – North Sioux City, SD
Officer Faustin Mahlke – North Sioux City, SD
Defense Attorney: Katie Johnson
Prosecutor: Alexis A. Tracy & Jerry A. Miller

Case Synopsis:

On July 30, 2016, the Officer Faustin Mahlke conducted a traffic stop within North Sioux City, SD, that did not have any license plates on the vehicle and no in transit plates visible. Zachary KRANZ was the driver of the vehicle and he had two passengers with him by the name of PACE and LITTLE. KRANZ admitted that he did not have plates on the vehicle and suspected this was why he was stopped. KRANZ stated that the vehicle belonged to one of the passengers by the name of PACE. PACE stated that the vehicle was not registered and that she did not have insurance on the vehicle. KRANZ had alcohol on his breath that was detectible to the Deputy, however a DUI investigation resulted in a determination that KRANZ was not under the influence that would warrant a DUI arrest. KRANZ did admit to the use of marijuana two days prior to the stop and the use of methamphetamine about five days prior to the stop. A record search of all the occupants of the vehicle identified a known criminal record of drug use by each occupant in the KRANZ vehicle. PACE and LITTLE stated that they all live together and that each have used

marijuana and LITTLE admitted to knowingly using methamphetamine recently. KRANZ provided a urine sample which tested positive for marijuana (THC) 581 ng/ml, Amphetamine at 1,635 ng/ml, and methamphetamine at 10,047 ng/ml.

Sentencing Synopsis:

On January 23, 2016, the Court addressed the class 5 felony charge in Count 1, for Possession of a Schedule 1 or 2 Controlled Substance. The Court considered the arguments of the State and the Defense, the Court ordered that KRANZ should be sentenced to 90 days in the Union County Jail in which the Court suspended the execution of 30 days on the term and condition that KRANZ pay all of his financial obligations before being released from custody. KRANZ was then given credit for the 19 days that KRANZ spent incarcerated prior to sentencing. KRANZ was ordered to pay the following monetary obligations: \$104 in Court Costs; \$10 in prosecution costs; and \$45 in fees to the SD Drug Fund; and \$1,018 to the County in Court Appointed Attorney Fees.

On January 23, 2016, the Court addressed the class 1 misdemeanor charge in Count 3, for Driving with a Revoked License. KRANZ was ordered to pay the following: A fine in the amount of \$250; and \$84 in Court Costs.

Criminal History:

This is KRANZ's second career felony conviction. KRANZ's criminal file includes one misdemeanor conviction for theft (IA); two misdemeanor conviction for possession of a controlled substance (IA); one felony conviction for burglary (IA).