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November 1, 2017

## Press Release - For Immediate Release

Defendant's Name: Travis J. Hunter  
Age: 31  
State of residence: NE  
Criminal File Number: 16-113  
Incident Date: March 12, 2016  
Indictment Date: March 30, 2016  
Arraignment Hearing: August 29, 2016  
Charges Files: Ct. 1: Ingestion of Schedule 1 or 2 Controlled Substance, SDCL 22-42-5.1, (F5) 5/10  
Ct. 2: Possession of Marijuana < 2 oz. SDCL 22-42-6, (M1) 1/2  
Ct. 3: Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, SDCL 22-42A-3, (M2) 30/500  
Change of Plea Date: June 26, 2017  
Date of Sentencing: June 26, 2017  
Convicted of: Ct. 1: Ingestion of Schedule 1 or 2 Controlled Substance, SDCL 22-42-5.1, (F5) 5/10  
Arresting Officer: Trooper Stuart Griffith - SDHP  
Defense Attorney: Katie Johnson  
Prosecution Attorney: Jerry A. Miller

### Case Synopsis:

On March 12, 2016, Trooper Stuart Griffith of the South Dakota Highway Patrol, was parked stationary around MM 35 on I-29, and observed a North Bound vehicle, traveling at a speed of 87 mph in an 80 mph zone and locked it in on radar. The Trooper initiated a traffic stop and pulled the vehicle over near MM 38. The Driver of the vehicle was Cassandra Lansdowne, who ended up having a suspended license and was cited for speeding, no seatbelt and a suspended license and was released. The Passenger of the vehicle, was Travis J. Hunter, the defendant. The Defendant had a warrant for his arrest from Nebraska and was arrested by Law Enforcement. The Trooper then searched the vehicle and located Marijuana, and multiple drug paraphernalia items, and what appeared to be Psilocybin Mushrooms, the Mushrooms did not test positive for Psilocybin at the State Health Lab. The Defendant claimed that all the drugs and drug paraphernalia were his and was also arrested and charged for the recent drugs and drug paraphernalia found in the vehicle. The Defendant submitted to a UA and tested positive for Methamphetamine at a level of 3,123 ng/ml and THC with a level of 63 ng/ml.

### Sentencing Synopsis:

On June 26, 2017, Travis Hunter was sentenced on the charge of Ingestion of a Schedule I or II Controlled Substance, a violation of SDCL 22-42-5.1, a class 5 felony; The Court Ordered that the Hunter shall serve Five (5) years in the South Dakota State Penitentiary. It is further ORDERED that Court shall SUSPEND the EXECUTION of the Five (5) years of Hunter's sentence upon Hunter satisfying the following terms and conditions. It is further ORDERED that

Hunter shall be placed on **supervised probation** for Four (4) years and must satisfy the following terms and conditions:

1. Hunter shall be placed under the supervision for a period of Four (4) years. The Defendant shall sign and comply with all terms of Adult Probation Agreement.
2. Hunter's supervision may be transferred to the State of North Dakota for supervision.
3. Hunter shall obey all federal, state and local laws.
4. That Hunter shall not possess or use any alcoholic beverages, or use or possess any controlled drugs or illegal substances, including marijuana, while on probation with the exception of medications lawfully prescribed and ingested according to the doses prescribed by a licensed physician.
5. Hunter shall waive his/her Fourth Amendment right against warrant-less random search and seizure by his/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 UA's or any other substance tests.
6. Hunter shall successfully obtain a chemical dependency evaluation with Thirty (30) days of his release from custody and shall successfully complete any and all treatment and aftercare, and follow all recommendations of the treatment provider.
7. Court Services shall have the discretion to require Hunter to participate in the CBISA program, MRT program or other classes and programming as Court Services may direct during the term of probation.
8. Hunter shall pay all monetary obligations as Ordered by this Court as a term of satisfying Hunter's probation. Hunter shall work with his/her probation officer and establish a minimum monthly payment plan and forward payments to the Clerk of Courts.

Hunter shall serve a sentence of One Hundred Twenty (120) Days in the Union County Jail with Sixty (60) days to be served immediately following sentencing. Hunter shall receive credit for Thirty-Eight (38) days that Hunter spent incarcerated prior to disposition. Hunter shall serve the remaining Sixty (60) in the Union County Jail as follows:

1. Hunter shall report to serve his Thirty (30) days at the Union County Jail beginning on January 1, 2018 at no later than 9:00 a.m.; and
2. Hunter shall report to serve his next Thirty (30) days at the Union County Jail beginning on January 1, 2019 at no later than 9:00 a.m.

Hunter shall pay the following amounts to the Union County Clerk of Courts (209 East Main Street, ~ Suite 230, Elk Point, SD 57025): Court Costs of One Hundred Four (\$104.00) Dollars; Prosecution Costs in the amount of Three Hundred Seventy Dollars and Seventy Cents (\$370.70), and a Fine in the amount of Two Hundred Fifty (\$250.00) Dollars; Costs payable to (South Dakota Drug Control Fund, 1302 East Highway 14, Suite 5, Pierre, SD 57501) in the amount of Ninety-Nine (\$99.00) Dollars.

Hunter shall pay the following amounts Ordered by the Court – To the Union County Auditor (209 East Main Street, ~ Suite 200, Elk Point, SD 57025): Court Appointed Attorneys Fees in the amount of Three Hundred Eighty Dollars and Seventy Cents (\$380.70). It is further ORDERED that Union County is awarded a Judgment for said Court Appointed Attorney Fees in this matter.

**Criminal History Synopsis:**

Hunter absconded from this court for over a year prior to sentencing. Hunter also has Assault and Battery in 2007 in NE, and a record of a convicted for Narcotic Possession w/intent to Distribute in 2015 from NE. Hunter was also sentenced in 2014 for DUI as a misdemeanor offense. This felony conviction is now added to his criminal history.