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Defendant's Name: Jon M. Rangel Jr.
Age: 32
City and State of Residence: Sioux Falls, SD
Criminal File Number: 16-265
Incident Date: July 5, 2016
Indictment Date: July 27, 2016
Charges: 1) Possession of Schedule 1 or 2 Controlled Substance (F5)
2) Ingestion of Schedule 1 or 2 Controlled Substance (F5)
3) Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (M2)
4) Driving Without a License (M2)
Arresting Officer: Sheriff Dan Limoges – Union County Sheriff
Arraignment Date: August 1, 2016
Change of Plea Date: November 18, 2016
Convicted of: 1) Possession of Schedule 1 or 2 Controlled Substance, (F5),
Date of Sentencing: December 19, 2016
Defense Attorney: Andrew Twinamatsiko
Prosecutor: Alexis A. Tracy

Case Synopsis:

On July 5, 2016, Sheriff Limoges stopped to assist a motorist on the Burbank oil road at 6:30 a.m. The motorist, identified as Jon Rangel Jr., (RANGEL) had run out of gas and advised that he had been sitting there for 2 hours. RANGEL did not have a license but advised the Sheriff that he was in the process of getting that taken care of. RANGEL had a freezer in the back of his vehicle and he was traveling door to door selling seafood products. During a search, law enforcement also found a bag with five used and bloody syringes that would be consistent with drug paraphernalia. During the arrest of RANGEL, a baggie of methamphetamine was found, which RANGEL originally denied any knowledge of the methamphetamine, but later admitted that the baggie was his. RANGEL provided a urine sample which tested positive for marijuana (THC) 50 ng/ml, Amphetamine at 22,629 ng/ml, and methamphetamine at 73,647 ng/ml.

Sentencing Synopsis:

On December 19, 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 RANGEL serve 167-days in the Union County Jail. The Court further gave credit for the 167-days previously spent incarcerated prior to disposition.

The Court further ordered that RANGEL pay the following monetary obligations: \$104 in Court Costs; \$10 in prosecution costs; \$45 in fees to the SD Drug Fund; and \$1342.30 in Court-Appointed Attorney Fees.

Criminal History:

This is RANGEL's third career felony conviction. RANGEL's criminal history also includes a misdemeanor conviction for a simple assault, possession of marijuana, DUI, theft from a motor vehicle, and driving while license suspended. RANGEL's criminal history also included a felony conviction for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, and manufacturing / delivering / selling a controlled substance.