
January 13, 2017

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Defendant's Name: Mark Savold
Age: 41
City and State of residence: Flandreau, SD
Criminal File Number: 16-142
Date of Offense: April 1, 2016
Date of Indictment: April 20, 2016
Arraignment: April 25, 2016
Offense(s) Charged: Ct.1: Possession of a Schedule 1or 2 Controlled Substance, (F5)
Change of Plea Date: June 27, 2016
Convicted of: Ct.1: Possession of a Schedule 1or 2 Controlled Substance, (F5)
Date of Sentencing: August 15, 2016
Officer: Trooper Deanna Johnson – South Dakota Highway Patrol
Defense Attorney: Katie Johnson
Prosecutor: Alexis Tracy

Case Synopsis:

On April 1, 2016 SAVOLD was stopped for following a vehicle to close. The location of this stop was on Interstate 29 at mile marker 37. The trooper could smell the odor of burnt marijuana coming from the vehicle. While SAVOLD was in the trooper's vehicle the trooper could smell burnt marijuana on his person. SAVOLD's license status was suspended and SAVOLD admitted that there would be marijuana and paraphernalia. A search of SAVOLD's vehicle found the marijuana, paraphernalia, methamphetamine. SAVOLD admitted that the methamphetamine was his. SAVOLD provided a urine sample that tested positive for methamphetamine at 1,133 ng/ml and positive for amphetamine at 8,593 ng/ml, and positive for marijuana (THC) at 671 ng/ml.

Original Sentencing Synopsis:

On August 15, 2016, the Court addressed the class 5 felony for possession of a schedule 1 or 2 controlled substance. The Court considered the arguments of the State and the Defense prior to sentencing SAVOLD. The Court ORDERED that SAVOLD shall receive a suspended 5-year sentence to the SD state penitentiary. The Court sentenced SAVOLD to serve a 4-year sentence of supervised probation. The Court ordered that SAVOLD to serve 7-days in the Union County Jail. The Court then gave SAVOLD credit for the 7 days he spent incarcerated prior to the sentencing hearing. The Court Ordered that SAVOLD shall pay the following monetary obligations: \$104 in Court Costs; \$10 in prosecution costs;

\$247 in fees to the SD Drug Control Fund; \$500 in fines; and \$602 in Court-Appointed Attorney Fees back to Union County.

Criminal History:

This is Mark Savold's second career felony conviction. SAVOLD's criminal history includes 1 felony conviction for child abuse; 1 misdemeanor offense each for harassment, vandalism, disorderly conduct, reckless driving, simple assault, and ingestion.