
November 30, 2017

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Defendant's Name: Sean Shehan
Age: 33
City and State of Residence: Ottawa, KS
Date of Offense: June 25, 2017
Criminal File Number: 17-216
Indictment Date: June 28, 2017
Charges Filed: Ct. 1: Kidnapping, SDCL 22-19-1.1(3), (F3) 15/30
Part II Habitual – enhancing any felony to a class C felony (life/50)
Ct. 2: Simple Assault (Domestic), SDCL 22-18-1(4), (M1) ½
Part II Prior Offenses – enhancing misdemeanor simple assault to a class 6 felony (2/4)
Date of Arraignment: July 10, 2017
Change of Plea Date: July 10, 2017
Convicted of: Ct. 2: Simple Assault (Domestic), SDCL 22-18-1(4), (M1) ½
Part II Prior Offenses – enhancing misdemeanor simple assault to a class 6 felony (2/4)
Date of Sentence: July 24, 2017
Arresting Officer: Chief Jacob Limoges – EP PD
Defendant's Attorney: Thomas Frieberg
Prosecutor: Jerry Miller

Case Synopsis:

On June 25, 2017, Chief Jacob Limoges responded to the Kum and Go for reported disturbance between a male and female. The clerk at the store reported that the female was throwing items at the car and yelling. Chief Limoges found the couple at the location and began his investigation. The female victim in this case was taken off to the side and out of hearing distance of Sean Shehan. When this happened, Shehan became agitated and threatened to call an attorney. Chief Limoges kept them separate. This cause Shehan to walk away from the vehicle and the location where Chief Limoges and the victim were located. The victim told the Chief that she believed that Shehan would run away. The victim advised that the she did not want to leave with Shehan and that Shehan was forcing her to go with him. The victim was told that if law enforcement was called that Shehan would make the victim watch him escalate the situation with law enforcement to the point in which that law enforcement would be forced to shoot and kill him.

It was during this time in the investigation that Shehan returned to his vehicle and started to drive away without the victim. The officer was concerned that Shehan would have access to a weapon in the vehicle or that the vehicle itself would be used as a weapon. The Chief directed Shehan to park the vehicle secure the safety of the scene. The victim advised that she was being kept against her will and that Shehan has strangled her a various locations between Kansas and Elk Point SD. The victim detailed other abuse and that Shehan was engaged in retail theft and the wholesale of the stolen items to raise money for their continued travels. The victim stated that she wanted to return home. Shehan was arrested on charges for kidnapping and simple assault (domestic). The victim who was originally very cooperative with law enforcement became less so as the case moved forward. A plea offer was reached for the class 6 felony offense based upon

Shehan admitting to the simple assault and the part two information alleging the two prior assaults with in the last ten years.

Sentencing Synopsis:

AS TO THE CHARGE in Count 2: Simple Assault (Domestic), a violation of SDCL 22-18-1(4), a class 1 misdemeanor; and the Part II Information for Prior Offenses, SDCL 22-18-1, increasing Count 2 to a class 6 felony; IT IS HEREBY ORDERED ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the Defendant shall serve One Hundred Twenty (120) days in the Union County Jail. It is FURTHER ORDERED that the Ninety-Two (92) days of the Defendant's sentence shall be suspended. It is FURTHER ORDERED that the Defendant shall receive credit for Twenty-Eight (28) days that the Defendant spent incarcerated prior to disposition.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Defendant 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; and Costs payable to (South Dakota Domestic Violence Fund, 1302 East Highway 14, Suite 5, Pierre, SD 57501) in the amount of Twenty-Five (\$25.00) Dollars.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Defendant can serve Two (2) additional days in the Union County Jail at Sixty Dollars (\$60.00) a day to sit out his new ordered court costs totaling One Hundred Twenty-Nine (\$129.00) Dollars. It is FURTHER ORDERED that the Defendant shall receive credit for One (1) day that the Defendant spent incarcerated prior to disposition.

IT IS FURTHER ORDER that the Defendant shall no similar offenses for Three Hundred (300) days.

IT IS FURTHER ORDER that the Defendant shall pay all monetary obligations as Ordered by this Court as a term of satisfying the Defendant's sentence.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Defendant 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 Nine Hundred Thirty Dollars and Ninety (\$930.90) Cents. It is further ORDERED that Union County is awarded a Judgment for said Court Appointed Attorney Fees in this matter.

IT IS FURTHER ORDER that the Defendant must leave the State of South Dakota within Ten (10) days of his release from the Union County Jail.

Criminal History:

Sean Shehan had two prior domestic convictions which raised the above charged simple assault in Union County a third offense. Shehan's fourth career felony conviction. Shehan had two felony eluding violations in 2008 and 2015. Shehan also had a violent felony conviction in 2008 for an Aggravated Battery.