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Defendant's Name: Timothy Sprouse
Age: 38
City and State of residence: Sioux Falls, SD
Criminal File Number: 16-055
Date of Offense: January 29, 2016
Date of Indictment: March 30, 2016
Date of Arraignment: November 21, 2016
Change of Plea Date: January 23, 2017
Convicted of: Ct. 1: Ingestion of Schedule I or II Controlled Substance, SDCL § 22-42-5.1, (F5), 5/10
Date of Sentencing: March 6, 2017
Officer: Officer Samantha Close, NSCPD
Defense Attorney: Jeffrey Myers
Prosecutor: Jerry Miller

Case Synopsis:

On January 29, 2016, Officer Samantha Close of the North Sioux City Police Department was dispatched to the Days Inn in North Sioux City, SD room 106 for suspicious activity. After making contact with the front desk employee, Officer Close was able to confirm the report of suspicious activity and approached the room. Officer Close knocked on the hotel room door and Co-Defendant Timur Yasat answered the door and granted Officer Close permission to come in the room to speak with them. The other person in the room was Timothy Sprouse. After getting into the room, Officer Close, spoke with both men about the suspicious activity and asked them if she could search the room. Both Mr. Yasat and Mr. Sprouse consented to the search of the room. Officer Close noticed a water bottle with a straw coming out of it, and asked both Defendants about bong. They each stated it was a water bong, which was used for smoking marijuana. Officer Close also found a methamphetamine pipe rolled up in some jeans, and a couple of Vyvanse pills. Mr. Yasat was arrested for possession of a controlled substance and both men were arrested for ingestion of marijuana. Mr. Sprouse was later indicted for ingestion of a controlled substance, namely methamphetamine due to a positive result from a urine sample that was provided and tested.

Original Sentencing Synopsis:

The Court sentenced Timothy Sprouse on Ct.1, the class 5 felony offense of possession of a schedule 1 or 2 controlled substance, to a five-year suspended sentence to the South Dakota State Penitentiary. Sprouse's sentence was suspended on the terms and conditions that he satisfy the terms of his four-year term of supervised probation. Sprouse was also sentenced to serve 60 days in the Union County Jail and given credit for the 9 days that he spent incarcerated prior to

sentencing. The Court ordered that Sprouse pay the following: \$104 in Court Costs; \$28 in Prosecution Costs; \$45 to the SD Drug Control Fund; and a \$300 fine.

Criminal History:

This is Timothy Sprouse's first felony conviction. In another county within South Dakota, Sprouse was previously charged with a felony aggravated assault in which Sprouse entered a plea to a misdemeanor simple assault conviction in 2015. In the state of Iowa, Sprouse has the following convictions: a misdemeanor possession of a drug paraphernalia; and a misdemeanor possession of a controlled substance charge.