

January 13, 2017

Press Release - For Immediate Release

Defendant's Name: Nora Taylor
Age: 58
City and State of residence: Wagner, SD
Criminal File Number: 14-133
Charged with: Ct 1: Possession of Controlled Substance 22-42-5 (F5) 5/10
Ct 2: Ingestion of a Controlled Substance 22-42-5.1 (F5) 5/10
Ct 3: Possession of Drug Paraphernalia 22-42A-3 (M2) 30/500
Ct 4: No Valid Driver's License 32-12-22 (M2) 30/500
Incident Date: April 30, 2014
Indictment Date: May 7, 2014
Arraignment Date: May 19, 2014
Change of Plea Date: August 18, 2014
Original Sentencing Date: October 20, 2014
Originally Convicted of: Ct 2: Ingestion of a Controlled Substance 22-42-5.1 (F5) 5/10
Original Arresting Officer: Officer Eric Faye – North Sioux City Police Department
Defendant's Attorney: Terry L. Pechota
Probation Disposition Date: November 9, 2015
Probation Violation: Between November 5th and the 22nd of 2014, Taylor tested positive for methamphetamine. On June 2nd, 2015, Taylor was arrested by the Yankton Co. Sheriff's Office with possession of a controlled substance. Taylor left the state of Arkansas, while on probation and without permission to leave the state.

Sentence Modification: December 1, 2016

Case Update:

As stated below, Nora Taylor was sentenced to and incarcerated in the women's unit in the South Dakota State Penitentiary system. Due to Taylor's detreating health, the DOC made a motion to reduce her sentence prior to having to deal with an upcoming and certain surgery. The State's Attorney's office objected to this modification, as it was TAYLOR's inability to address her addiction issues in the private sector through treatment and self-discipline. And, that left to her own, and the fact that TAYLOR had not received the treatment that she was ordered to participate in through the penitentiary system, TAYLOR would never be an acceptable candidate for a needed transplant. On December 1, 2016, the Court modified TAYLOR's original SENTENCING and ORDERED TAYLOR to serve a five (5) year sentence to the SD State Penitentiary with one (1) year and seven (7) months of that sentence suspended. In this instance the Court suspended seven (7) months more than what was originally suspended. This would allow TAYLOR to complete her treatment in the penitentiary system and to give her an opportunity to be successful on probation so that she may qualify for a transplant.

The rest of this press release is a re-print of a prior press release.

Case Synopsis:

On April 30, 2014 Nora Taylor was pulled over for swerving within the lane. Then Taylor admitted to not having a license due to the fact that it was suspended. While Officer Fay was conducting the interview, Fay noticed that the Taylor and the co-defendant, Thomsen story wasn't matching up. Officer Fay asked if he could search the vehicle and both said "No." Due to the suspiciousness of the stories between Taylor and Thomsen, Officer Fay used his police service dog to conduct an open air search around the vehicle. Officer Fay's dog "Garzo" alerted and indicated the vehicle. Because Garzo indicated, a vehicle search was conducted and methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia was found. Taylor's provided a urine sample for testing and tested positive for methamphetamine.

Probation Disposition Synopsis:

On November 9, 2015, on the charge of ingestion of a schedule 1 or 2 controlled substance, Nora Taylor was re-sentenced to a five (5) year sentence to the SD State Penitentiary with one (1) year of that sentence suspended. The court further ordered that Taylor would receive credit for the One-Hundred and Sixty (160) days in the Union County Jail that she had spent incarcerated prior to this sentencing. Taylor was required to pay all, restitution, fine, court costs, and prosecution costs.

Criminal History:

This is Nora Taylor's first probation violation on her third career felony conviction.