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November 1, 2017

## Press Release - For Immediate Release

Defendant's Name: Steven Vanhofwegen  
Age: 40  
State of residence: SD  
Criminal File Number: 17-133  
Incident Date: April 23, 2017  
Indictment Date:  
Arrestment Hearing: August 29, 2016  
Charges Files: Ct. 1(A): Driving Under the Influence, SDCL 32-23-1(1), (M1) 1/2  
Ct. 1(B): Driving Under the Influence, SDCL 32-23-1(2), (M1) 1/2  
Change of Plea Date: August 28, 2017  
Date of Sentencing: October 16, 2017  
Convicted of: Ct. 1(A): Driving Under the Influence, SDCL 32-23-1(1), (M1) 1/2  
Arresting Officer: Officer Jon Krebs - BPD  
Defense Attorney: Katie Johnson  
Prosecution Attorney: Jerry A. Miller

### Case Synopsis:

On April 23, 2017, Officer Jon Krebs with the Beresford, PD, conducted a traffic stop on a Yellow Jeep with a Jack attached to it after a complaint of a possible drunk driver near Casey's in Beresford, referencing the vehicle. Upon conducting the traffic stop on the vehicle described, LE detected the odor of Alcohol coming from the Defendant, Steven Vanhofwegen. The Defendant could not complete or partake in the FST by LE and was arrested for a DUI. The Defendant's blood was taken after LE got a Search Warrant and came back positive with a BAC level of .237.

### Sentencing Synopsis:

The Court sentenced Steven VanHofwegen at 11:00 a.m., on October 16, 2017. The sentence was on the charge of Driving Under the Influence, a violation of SDCL 32-23-4, a class 6 felony. Steven VanHofwegen received a Two (2) year sentence to the South Dakota State Penitentiary. The Court suspended that sentence and placed Steven VanHofwegen on supervised probation for a term of Three (3) years. Steven VanHofwegen was ordered to follow multiple terms and conditions while on probation. Steven VanHofwegen was also ordered to serve Ten days in the Union County Jail over the next five weekends. He was also ordered to pay the following: Court Costs of One Hundred Four (\$104.00) Dollars; DUI fee in the amount of Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars; Prosecution costs of One Hundred and Forty-Five (\$145.00) Dollars; and a Fine

in the amount of Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars. The Court also took Steven's Driver's License for a period of One (1) year after his released from custody, however he would be eligible for a work permit after he can show proof of completing treatment.

**Criminal History Synopsis:**

This is Steven VanHofwegen Jr.'s first felony conviction and his third DUI in his lifetime.