

February 28, 2018

Press Release - For Immediate Release

Defendant's Name: Jami Hofstatter
Age: 40
State of residence: Vermillion, SD
Criminal File Number: 17-327
Incident Date: August 31, 2017
Superseding Complaint: December 12, 2017
Charged with: Ct. 1: Simple Assault, SDCL 22-18-1 (1), a class 1 misdemeanor.
Arraignment Hearing: January 19, 2018
Change of Plea Date: November 29, 2017
Convicted of: Ct. 1: Simple Assault, SDCL 22-18-1 (1), a class 1 misdemeanor;
Date of Sentencing: January 19, 2018
Arresting Officer: Deputy Jeff Christie – UCSO
Defense Attorney: David King
Prosecution Attorney: Jerry Miller & Erin Handke

Case Synopsis:

On August 31, 2017, Jami Hofstatter was in custody pursuant to a SDHP arrest involving an accident due to Hofstatter driving while intoxicated. Jami Hofstatter was highly agitated when she struck Deputy Christie. Deputy Christie and Trooper Weaver had to restrain Hofstatter and placed her in a holding cell. After getting Hofstatter into the holding cell, Jami Hofstatter began to hit and kick Deputy Christie several more times. Hofstatter continued her drunken tirade for over an hour with her yelling and pounding on the walls.

Sentencing Synopsis:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that as to the crime of **Ct. 1: Simple Assault, SDCL 22-18-1 (1), a class 1 misdemeanor**, that the Defendant shall pay court costs of \$84.00; grand jury transcript fees of \$10.00; a Fine of \$150.00; testing fees of \$0 to the South Dakota Drug Control Fund; and Blood Alcohol Fees of \$0.00 to the Union County as prosecution costs; to the Union County Clerk of Courts (209 East Main Street, ~ Suite 230, Elk Point, SD 57025).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that the Defendant shall pay all of the financial obligations within **360 (three-hundred and sixty)** days from the date of sentencing or by no later than 5:00 p.m. on January 15, 2019.

Criminal History Synopsis:

Jami Hofstatter's criminal history is minimal. In the underlying file of 17-325, Hofstatter entered an admission to the following charges: **Ct 1: Possession of a Schedule I or II Controlled Substance, a violation of SDCL 22-42-5, a class 5 felony and Ct. 2: Driving Under the Influence, a violation of SDCL 32-23-1(2), a class 1 misdemeanor.** The Court granted clemency

in that file and Hofstatter received a suspended imposition of sentence. If Hofstatter is successful on supervised probation, all the charges in that file may be sealed to the view of the public. Hofstatter plead to the class one misdemeanor of offense of Simple Assault and this file will remain a on here premiant record.