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Re: State of Minnesota v. Anthony Ryan Sather, 71-CR-15-31, 71-CR-15-534 &

71-CR-12-1075

On August 17, 2015, Anthony Ryan Sather appeared in Sherburne County District Court in front of the Honorable Thomas Hayes for sentencing on three files.

On file 71-CR-15-31, Mr. Sather was sentenced on one count of Animal Cruelty, a felony level offense. The court ranked the offense a severity level three offense under the Minnesota Sentencing guidelines which calls for a stayed sentence of 13 months with a criminal history score of 1. The Court found aggravating factors existed that warranted an upward durational departure from the sentence of 13 months to the statutory maximum sentence of 24 months in prison. The court stayed execution of that sentence for a period of four years and placed the defendant on probation on numerous conditions including but not limited to that he serve 365 days in the Sherburne County Jail with credit for 225 days previously served; obtain a Chemical Dependency Evaluation and updated Psychological Evaluation within thirty days of release from jail and follow all recommendations of the evaluations; use Sherburne County District Court file and/or Sherburne County Community Corrections as collateral contact for the above-referenced evaluations; have no contact with the victim and her family and stay one mile away from her residence; have no ownership, custody or control of a pet and/or farm animal and may not reside at a home that has such animals; be subject to compliance checks to be conducted by a licensed animal control officer; have no use, possession, or access to firearms, ammunition, or explosives, and may not reside in a residence where such items are kept; have no use or possession of video recording equipment; not use alcohol or controlled substances and be subject to random testing; enter the Teen Challenge program within thirty days of release from jail and successfully complete the program, provide a DNA sample and not leave the State of Minnesota. The defendant was also sentenced on one count of Controlled Substance Crime in the Fifth Degree, a felony level offense. The court stayed execution of a 13 month sentence, the presumptive sentence under the Minnesota Sentencing Guidelines and placed the defendant on probation for 10 years on the same terms and conditions as on the Animal Cruelty offense.

In file 71-CR-15-534 the defendant was sentenced on a charge of Reckless Handling of a Firearm, a misdemeanor level offense. The defendant was sentenced to 90 days in jail, given credit for 90 days served and was ordered to have no contact with the victims, their family, and stay one mile away from their residence. The defendant was also ordered to pay restitution in the amount of $382.33. The no contact conditions and payment of restitution become part of his conditions of probation on file 71-CR-15-31.

In file 71-CR-12-1075, the defendant’s probation was revoked on a previous Controlled Substance Crime in the Fifth Degree offense. The defendant was re-sentenced to a sentence of 12 months plus one day, the court stayed execution of that sentence and he was given credit for time previously served and the file will be closed when his jail sentence is served.