

Supplemental Research: Teirab Select Cases

Felony Cases: Plea Agreements

There were 35 identified felony cases in the Minnesota Court database that ended in a plea where Teirab was the prosecutor at the time of the plea deal and the defendant went on to reoffend. There were six additional felony cases where court records show Teirab was a prosecutor either before or after the plea deal was made and the defendant went on to reoffend.

Reoffenders in Cases with Plea Deals

Original Case Number	Date Filed	Case Title	Plea Deal?	Reoffend?	Felony Charge
52-CR-17-21	1/10/2017	State of Minnesota vs Thomas John Edward Hawkins	Yes (Teirab added after plea)	Yes	Felony
52-CR-17-151	5/1/2017	State of Minnesota vs JAIKOB ELIJAH LAABS	Yes	Yes	Felony
52-CR-17-182	5/19/2017	State of Minnesota vs Leslie Sue Wiltscheck	Yes	Yes	Felony
52-CR-17-219	6/21/2017	State of Minnesota vs MARIA DELORES ESQUIVEL	Yes (Teirab added after plea)	Yes	Felony
52-CR-17-240	6/29/2017	State of Minnesota vs Richard Melvyn Sargent	Yes	Yes	Felony
52-CR-17-241	6/30/2017	State of Minnesota vs Samuel Lee Milbrett	Yes	Yes	Felony
52-CR-17-245	7/3/2017	State of Minnesota vs JON WILLIAM ZAMZOW	Yes	Yes	Felony
52-CR-17-419	10/16/2017	State of Minnesota vs HANNAH MARILEE ZIMPRICH	Yes (Teirab added after plea)	Yes	Felony
52-CR-17-441	10/31/2017	State of Minnesota vs Megan Jo Schauer	Yes	Yes	
52-CR-17-506	12/8/2017	State of Minnesota vs Christopher Michael Kramer	Yes	Yes	Felony
52-CR-18-10	1/5/2018	State of Minnesota vs Elizabeth Ann Minter	Yes	Yes	Felony
52-CR-18-22	1/16/2018	State of Minnesota vs Brittany Jean Sorell	Yes	Yes	Felony
52-CR-18-30	1/16/2018	State of Minnesota vs KAI MARTIN WHITE	Yes	Yes	Felony
52-CR-18-33	1/19/2018	State of Minnesota vs CASEY ANN VONESCHEN	Yes (Teirab added after plea)	Yes	Felony
52-CR-18-57	2/6/2018	State of Minnesota vs Sierra Rene Ann Driehorst	Yes	Yes	Felony
52-CR-18-63	2/8/2018	State of Minnesota vs CHRISTOPHER JORGEN DELANEY	Yes	Yes	
52-CR-18-81	2/22/2018	State of Minnesota vs Donald Arnold Arneson	Yes	Yes	Felony
52-CR-18-98	3/8/2018	State of Minnesota vs ELIUDE ELIZONDO	Yes	Yes	Felony
52-CR-18-117	3/19/2018	State of Minnesota vs MATTHEW MARK HAACK	Yes	Yes	Felony
52-CR-18-137	3/27/2018	State of Minnesota vs Kyler Jon Hofer	Yes	Yes	Felony
52-CR-18-150	4/3/2018	State of Minnesota vs Keatyn Daniel Schmidt	Yes	Yes	Felony
52-CR-18-149	4/3/2018	State of Minnesota vs Manuel Ramirez, Jr.	Yes	Yes	
52-CR-18-155	4/5/2018	State of Minnesota vs Anthony Craig Clarke	Yes	Yes	Felony
52-CR-18-177	4/18/2018	State of Minnesota vs BROOKELYN CHRISTINE GLACKLER	Yes	Yes	Felony
52-CR-18-212	5/3/2018	State of Minnesota vs CORY JAY ROSILLO	Yes	Yes	Felony
52-CR-18-215	5/7/2018	State of Minnesota vs Cory Jay Rosillo	Yes	Yes	Felony
52-CR-18-220	5/10/2018	State of Minnesota vs Adam Hans Sageng	Yes	Yes	Felony
52-CR-18-223	5/11/2018	State of Minnesota vs Danielle Renee Hurley Linn	Yes	Yes	Felony
52-CR-18-299	7/2/2018	State of Minnesota vs Cullan David Franzen	Yes	Yes	Felony
52-CR-18-320	7/16/2018	State of Minnesota vs Nashid Asmir Abdul-Zahir	Yes	Yes	Felony
52-CR-18-326	7/20/2018	State of Minnesota vs ABDIRIZAK MAHAMED ABADER	Yes	Yes	Felony
52-CR-18-372	8/29/2018	State of Minnesota vs Ian Thomas McConkey	Yes	Felony	
52-CR-18-387	9/5/2018	State of Minnesota vs JON WILLIAM ZAMZOW	Yes	Yes	Felony
52-CR-18-431	10/1/2018	State of Minnesota vs DUSTIN FLOYD SHASKE	Yes	Yes	Felony
52-CR-18-453	10/17/2018	State of Minnesota vs ERICA ALLYSON	Yes	Yes	Felony

Select Plea Agreements Including Violent Convicted Felons Who Were Later Convicted On Fentanyl Charges

U.S. District Court of Minnesota, USA v. Garza et al, Pacer, Case No. 0:2020cr00194, filed 9/9/20

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SUPERSEDING INDICTMENT, Index #53, Filed 11/4/2020

Count 1

(Conspiracy to Distribute Controlled substances)

From on or about February 2019, and continuing through on or about April 2019, in the State and District of Minnesota and elsewhere, the defendants, SENIF JOEL GARZA, SARA RAE LAHR, and ROBERT EDWARD MALONEY, JR. did knowingly and intentionally conspire with each other and with others known and unknown to the grand jury to distribute 50 grams or more of actual methamphetamine, a controlled substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1), 841(b)(1)(A) and 846.

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COUNT 4

(Possession with Intent To Distribute Controlled Substances)

On or about April 23, 2019, in the State and District of Minnesota, the defendant, SENIF JOEL GARZA did knowingly and intentionally possess with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of actual methamphetamine, a controlled substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1), 841f(b)(1)(A).

COUNT 5

(Felon in Possession of Ammunition)

On or about April 23, 2019, in the State and District of Minnesota, the defendant, SENIF JOEL GARZA, having previously been convicted of the following crime, which was punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year: ...and knowing he had been convicted of at least one crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year, did knowingly possess, in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce, ammunition, that is, 8 rounds of Winchester .45ACP-caliber ammunition, and 25 rounds of Hornady 9MM-caliber ammunition, all in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections s22(d) and e24(a)(2).

PLEA AGREEMENT as to Senif Joel Garza, Index #98, filed 2/5/2021

Charges. The decedent agrees to plead guilty to Count 1 of the Superseding Indictment, which charges the Defendant with conspiracy to distribute 50 grams or more of actual methamphetamine, a controlled substance, in violation of 21 U.S.C. Sections 841(a)(1), 841(b)(1)(a) and 846. The Defendant fully understands the nature and elements of the crime with which he has been charged. At the time of the sentencing, the Government agrees to move to dismiss Count 4 and Count 5 of the Superseding Indictment.

TRANSCRIPT of Change of Plea Hearing held on 2/5/2021 before Judge David S. Doty as to Senif Joel Garza, Index 330, Filed 8/18/2022

MR. TEIRAB: Okay. I'm going to shift to the actual plea agreement and just summarize it and not hiding the ball at all. I'm functionally going to be reading from it, just to let you know. The plea agreement first in paragraph 1 specifies the charges, which are -- of the superseding indictment, Count 1, which you are agreeing to plead guilty, which charges you with conspiracy to distribute 50 grams or more of actual methamphetamine. Do you understand that that's in paragraph 1 of the plea agreement?

THE DEFENDANT: Yeah.

MR. TEIRAB: And you fully understand the nature and elements of that crime?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

MR. TEIRAB: And in the agreement at the time of sentencing the government will agree to move to dismiss Counts 4 and 5 of the superseding indictment. Do you understand that?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

MR. TEIRAB: Okay. All right. I'm going to go through the factual basis, since that is in paragraph 2 here. In pleading guilty, you admit these following facts or that the government would be able to prove beyond a reasonable doubt these facts. Do you understand that?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes, I do.

["Prison time ordered in fentanyl sales case," Mankato Free Press, 6/27/2024](#)

A St. Peter man will serve prison time for drug sales in Blue Earth County.

Senif Joel Garza, 28, was convicted on a felony second-degree heroin/fentanyl sales charge Monday in Blue Earth County District Court.

Garza was one of two men charged in October after law enforcement reported seeing a suspected drug deal between the two in a fast food parking lot. The other man, Lincoln Alan Benzkofer, 29, of North Mankato, has a sentencing date set for Aug. 19 on a fentanyl possession charge.

Police reported finding 100 tablets of counterfeit oxycodone believed to contain fentanyl in Benzkofer's possession. A criminal complaint suggested Garza supplied the pills, with law enforcement tracking him down and arresting him after a pursuit.

Garza received a six-year, three-month sentence, minus 267 days credited to him for time already served, according to a sentencing order. He'd serve two-thirds of the sentence in prison followed by one-third on supervised release.

Some Cases Where Those Accused Of Child Abuse Received Minimal Jail Time, Including Those Accused Of Molesting A 9-Year-Old

State of Minnesota vs Ebony Rain Mason, Case No. 52-CR-18-241, Nicollet County, MN, filed 5/23/2018

Jurisdiction: State of Minnesota

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E-filed Comp-Summons, Index #1, Filed 5/3/2018

COUNT I Charge: Malicious Punishment of a Child Minnesota Statute: 609.377.1, with reference to: 609.377.2

Maximum Sentence: 1 year in jail and/or \$3,000 fine Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 04/19/2018 to 04/20/2018

COUNT II Charge: Malicious Punishment of a Child Minnesota Statute: 609.377.1, with reference to: 609.377.2

Maximum Sentence: 1 year in jail and/or \$3,000 fine Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 04/19/2018 to 04/20/2018

COUNT III Charge: Malicious Punishment of a Child

Minnesota Statute: 609.377.1, with reference to: 609.377.2 Maximum Sentence: 1 year in jail and/or \$3,000 fine

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor Offense Date (on or about): 04/19/2018 to 04/20/2018

COUNT IV Charge: Domestic Assault-Misdemeanor-Intentionally Inflicts/Attempts to Inflict Bodily Harm on Another Minnesota Statute: 609.2242.1(2), with reference to: 609.2242.1(2)
Maximum Sentence: 90 days and/or \$1,000 fine Offense Level: Misdemeanor

COUNT V Charge: Domestic Assault-Misdemeanor-Intentionally Inflicts/Attempts to Inflict Bodily Harm on Another Minnesota Statute: 609.2242.1(2), with reference to: 609.2242.1(2)
Maximum Sentence: 90 days and/or \$1,000 fine Offense Level: Misdemeanor
Offense Date (on or about): 04/19/2018 to 04/20/2018

COUNT VI Charge: Domestic Assault-Misdemeanor-Intentionally Inflicts/Attempts to Inflict Bodily Harm on Another Minnesota Statute: 609.2242.1(2), with reference to: 609.2242.1(2)
Maximum Sentence: 90 days and/or \$1,000 fine Offense Level: Misdemeanor 2
Offense Date (on or about): 04/19/2018 to 04/20/2018

Petition to Enter Guilty Plea, Index #18, Filed 7/23/2018

9. I am entering my plea of guilty based on the following plea agreement with the prosecutor: Guilty to Counts IV & V. Dismiss remaining charges. Successfully complete parenting classes.

Sentencing Order, Index #23, filed 10/1/2018

Local Confinement

Defendant is sentenced to 90 days in the Nicollet County Jail. 90 days of that time is stayed for 1 year.
Status: Active, Status Date: 09/17/2018

Monitoring - Adult Defendant is placed on Supervised probation for 1 year, monitored by Nicollet County Probation. Start Date: 09/17/2018 Discharge Date: 09/17/2019

Fees Sentence includes a \$150.00 fine.

State of Minnesota vs CURTIS JOHN TAUBER, Case No. 52-CR-18-474, Nicollet County, MN, filed 10/30/2018

Jurisdiction: Minnesota

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E-filed Comp-Summons, Index #1, Filed 10/30/2018

COUNT I Charge: Malicious Punishment of a Child
Minnesota Statute: 609.377.1, with reference to: 609.377.2
Maximum Sentence: 1 year in jail and/or \$3,000 fine
Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

COUNT II Charge: Domestic Assault-Misdemeanor-Intentionally Inflicts/Attempts to Inflict Bodily Harm on Another Minnesota Statute: 609.2242.1(2), with reference to: 609.2242.1(2)
Maximum Sentence: 90 days and/or \$1,000 fine Offense Level: Misdemeanor
Offense Date (on or about): 10/06/2018

Charge: Assault-5th Degree-Misdemeanor Minnesota Statute: 609.224.1, with reference to: 609.224.1
Maximum Sentence: 90 days or \$1,000 fine or both Offense Level: Misdemeanor
Offense Date (on or about): 10/06/2018

Petition to Enter Guilty Plea, Index #12, Filed 2/20/2019

9. I am entering my plea of guilty plea and voluntarily and without promises except as indicated in number 10 below.

10. the defense and State make a joint recommendation for sentencing based on my plea of guilty as follows: No executive jail on Count 2, Misdemeanor Domestic Assault; Count 1, Gross Misdemeanor malicious punishment is dismissed and Count 3 Misdemeanor Assault is dismissed

Sentencing Order, Index #17, 3/18/2019

Local Confinement

Defendant is sentenced to 90 days in Nicollet County Jail. 90 days of that time is stayed for 1 year.

Status Active, Status Date 3/18/2019

Monitoring – Adult

Defendant is placed on Supervised probation for 1 year, monitored by Nicollet County Probation.

“State of Minnesota vs Jesse Alan Moody,” Case No. 52-CR-19-74, Nicollet County, MN, Filed 3/12/2019

Jurisdiction: State of Minnesota

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“North Mankato man accused of sexually assaulting girl acquitted,” The Mankato Free Press, 3/12/2019

UPDATE: A jury acquitted Jesse Moody in October 2019.

NORTH MANKATO — A North Mankato man is accused of touching a girl he knows inappropriately.

Jesse Alan Moody, 33, was charged with felony criminal sexual conduct Tuesday in Nicollet County District Court.

A 9-year-old girl told authorities she was sleeping and Moody came in and rubbed her buttocks under her pajamas, the charges said. The girl said Moody then tried unsuccessfully to stop her from getting out of her bed.