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Man Sentenced to 9 years for 10th DWI Conviction

GALVESTON – Yesterday, John Davis Campbell, 51, was sentenced to 9 years in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, for the felony offense of Driving While Intoxicated and 6 months in the State Jail Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for felony Possession of a Controlled Substance.

On Monday, January 11, 2016 trial began in the 10th District Court. The State presented evidence that John Campbell operated a vehicle while under the influence of drugs and alcohol, while in the possession of methamphetamine, on March 15, 2015.

According to trial testimony and police video, shortly after 2:00 am on March 15, 2015 Campbell was stopped by police for speeding. Campbell was confirmed to be driving 52 mph in a 40 mph zone. Upon making contact with Campbell, the driver and only occupant of the vehicle, the officer could immediately smell a very strong odor of alcohol. Campbell was described as having bloodshot eyes, a pronounced slur in his speech, and talking rapidly. Campbell told police he was coming from Jackie's Brickhouse where he had consumed 2 alcoholic beverages. Campbell was requested to exit his vehicle and perform field sobriety tests. Campbell performed very poorly on the tests and was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

During a search of Campbell following his arrest, the officer found in his front pants pocket a glass smoking pipe and a clear plastic bag. Both the pipe and the bag contained a semi-clear crystalline substance the officer believed to be methamphetamine. Campbell told the officer the pipe was used to smoke marijuana but that the white substance in the pipe looked like boric acid.

Campbell gave consent for a blood draw to test his blood for alcohol and drugs and was taken to Mainland Medical Center.

A lab report from the Texas Department of Public Safety Crime Lab confirmed that the substance found on Campbell, in the glass pipe and the bag, was methamphetamines and showed a combined

weight of 0.18 grams. Additional lab reports showed Campbell's blood had 0.07 milligrams of methamphetamines per liter and 0.033 grams of alcohol per 100 milliliters of blood.

After about a day of deliberating, the jury returned with a guilty verdict on Thursday morning. During punishment the State introduced the two prior felony driving while intoxicated convictions from 1995 and 2005, which made the current driving while intoxicated charge a felony. The convictions were not introduced in guilty/innocence because Campbell agreed to them being valid prior convictions.

Campbell faced a sentencing range of 2 to 20 years, because of an enhancement involving his 2004 felony driving while intoxicated conviction. In addition, the State introduced evidence showing Campbell had four additional prior felony convictions for driving while intoxicated and two prior misdemeanor convictions for driving while intoxicated. The jury deliberated punishment Thursday afternoon, returning around 5:00 pm with a sentence of 9 years in prison for the driving while intoxicated charge and 6 months in state jail for the possession charge. Campbell will not be eligible for parole until at least one-fourth of his sentence has been served.

Campbell was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys Valerie Norris and Christopher Henderson in the 10th District Court, with Judge Kerry Neves presiding. The investigation was conducted by the Clear Lake Shores Police Department.

Mugshots of active inmates are available at:
<http://p2c.co.galveston.tx.us/jailinmates.aspx>