IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF IOWA

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STATE OF IOWA,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

vs.

BRADLEY JAMES VERSTEEGH,

Defendant-Appellant.

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Appeal from the Iowa District Court for Marshall County (No. 85A1668) - Sandra J. Holien, District Associate Judge.

Defendant appeals from sentence entered following a jury verdict finding him guilty of driving while license under suspension. **AFFIRMED.**

Charles Harrington, Appellant Defender, and John P. Messina, Assistant Appellate Defender, for defendant-appellant.

Thomas J. Miller, Attorney General; David L. Dorff, Assistant Attorney General; and Judy K. Parks, Assistant County Attorney, for plaintiff-appellee.

Considered by Oxberger, C.J., and Donielson and Sackett, JJ.

SACKETT, J.

Defendant was charged with driving while his license was under suspension in violation of Iowa Code §321B.38 (1985). After a jury trial defendant was found guilty as charged and was sentenced to serve 90 days in the county jail. In imposing sentence in this case, the trial court stated:

> The court has before it today for sentencing a young man who is approximately twenty-nine years old. He appears for sentencing after having been convicted of the crime of driving under suspension in violation of Section 321B.38 of the Code of Iowa.
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> The pre-sentence investigation report reflects that Mr. Versteegh is single; he recently moved in with his girlfriend, Miss Tammy McVay; and is employed in a part-time capacity with a moving and storage company here in Marshalltown, Iowa, with an approximate monthly income of $450. The pre-sentence investigation also reflects that the Defendant has had a number of contacts with the criminal justice system. The majority of those contacts have been in the area of moving traffic violations. There have been three arrests for operating while intoxicated with only one conviction on that charge; and he appears for sentencing on the charge of driving under suspension following his conviction on the OWI first offense in September 1985. The Defendant also has outstanding fines to Marshall County, Iowa, in the amount of $730. He apparently is unable or unwilling to make significant monthly installment payments as his record of payments reflects sporadic payments in amounts of $10 or $5 per month. As such, a fine in the instant case seems to be unwarranted.
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> The pre-sentence investigator has recommended a period of incarceration, and the Court concurs with that recommendation.
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> It is therefore appropriate to proceed to the matter of sentencing; and IT IS THEREFORE THE JUDGMENT AND SENTENCE OF THE COURT, pursuant to Section 321B.38 of the Code of Iowa, that the Defendant, Bradley James Versteegh, should be and is hereby Ordered committed to the custody of the Marshall County Sheriff for a period of 90 days.

Defendant appeals contending the trial court did not state adequate reasons for the sentence imposed.

The question is whether the trial court abused its discretion in imposing the sentence. Abuse will not be found unless the defendant shows such discretion was exercised on grounds or for reasons clearly untenable or to an extent clearly unreasonable. State v. Pappas, 337 N.W.2d 490, 493 (Iowa 1983).

It is essential for the trial court to state the reason for selecting a particular disposition so there is a record from which we can ascertain whether an abuse of discretion occurred. See State v. Luedtke, 279 N.W.2d 7, 8 (Iowa 1979). See also Iowa R. Crim. P. 22(3)(d); State v. Aurett, 276 N.W.2d 634, 634 (Iowa App. 1985).

The trial court basically recited the background information from the pre-sentence report, reiterated defendant's prior record and determined the defendant had outstanding fines on which he was unwilling to make adequate monthly payments. The trial court stated it concurred with the pre-sentence investigator's recommendation.

The state contends the statements made were sufficient to support the court's determination of sentence. We agree. See Aurett, 376 N.W.2d 635, 636 (Iowa App. 1985).

AFFIRMED.