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Page County Attorney, James L. Varley, reports the following activities in the Iowa District Court for Page County for the week of January 5, 2026. The Honorable Craig Dreismeier, District Court Judge of the Fourth Judicial District presided. All persons are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Carly Jean Carnine, age 19, Clarinda, Iowa, appeared by counsel and pled guilty to Assault Causing Bodily Injury. The defendant was granted a deferred judgment and was ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$855. Defendant was placed on probation for 2 years and ordered to pay court costs, surcharges and court-appointed attorney fees.

Stacey Sue Ann Kudera, age 46, Coin, Iowa appeared by counsel and pled guilty to Operating While Under the Influence-1st Offense. The defendant was sentenced to 2 days in jail and was given credit for 2 days towards the jail sentence for completing the Second Chances Program. A fine of \$1,250 was imposed and the defendant was ordered to pay court costs and surcharges.

Andrew Christopher Polk, age 43, Shenandoah, Iowa, appeared by counsel and pled guilty to Operating While Under the Influence-1st Offense. The defendant was sentenced to 30 days in jail with all but 2 days suspended and placed on probation for 1 year. As a condition of probation, the defendant is to attend and successfully complete the Drinking Driver's School which can also be in lieu of the 2 days in jail. Defendant was fined \$1,250 and ordered to pay court costs and surcharges.

Michael Ray Simpson, age 60, Clarinda, Iowa, appeared by counsel and pled guilty to 3 counts of Forgery. The defendant was fined \$1,025 and sentenced to 5 years of incarceration on each count with the sentences to run concurrently. The terms of incarceration were suspended, and the defendant was placed on probation for 2 years. As a condition of probation, the defendant was ordered to reside at the Residential Correction Facility until maximum benefits are achieved. The defendant was ordered to pay court costs, surcharges, court-appointed attorney fees and restitution in the amount of \$1,680.