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I Matthew Smoak was given barely over a week to prepare for court which was not sufficient time to do what I needed to do which was talk with my lawyer about my case establish the amount of medical problems I have had and start Drug Abuse classes all of which was held against me My pending charges were dropped which is also a reason I asked the judge for a continuance because if I'm not guilty then the charges should not be held against me as you can see on page 6 line 21 in my transcript also where the court asked why haven't I got my medical records for my attorney Tr. 10 line 22 and 23 which is why I was asking for more time so my medical issues would not be held against me or my lack of money they caused would not be held against me since they are due to my medical issues, if I was afforded more time to provide my medical records to show

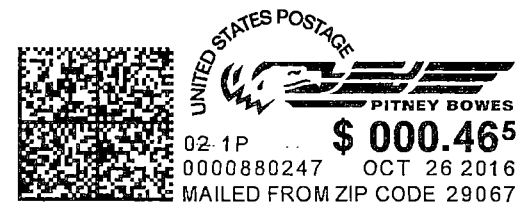
how extensive they were I feel they wouldn't have been held against me. The probation officer failed to show any proof of my use of alcohol, much less my excess of any. And I had an appointment for the substance abuse counseling class to start but I wasn't able to get into it, after I was able to work, and before I went to court so I was violated for not being able to afford to go it cost \$70 to start and \$30 every time you show up since I was disabled I wasn't able to afford it when I was working I immediately applied. So every reason I was violated was bogus there was no willful violation at all I tried my very best to comply with probation on every account please consider this thank you

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