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Elk Point, S.D. – State's Attorney Jerry A. Miller said today that Jason Schafer, 39, Elk Point, was sentenced on August 16, 2010 on the charge of Misprision of a Felony, a class one misdemeanor, in the 1st Circuit Court in Elk Point, SD. Schafer was sentenced to one hundred days in the Union County Jail with 42 days suspended. Schafer received credit for the 58 days he has already served in jail. In addition to court costs and other monetary obligations, Schafer was also ordered to register as a sex offender in the State of South Dakota if he remained in the state for more than 3 days from his release or be subject to serve his suspended 42 days. Schafer's plea was a result of a plea agreement which reduced the charge of Failure to Update the Sex Offender Registration, a class 6 felony, down to the class one misdemeanor charge of Misprision of a Felony.

This case was investigated collectively by the Elk Point Police Department and the South Dakota Highway Patrol. Schafer was first discovered working for a local Elk Point contractor, and living out of a vehicle. Further research uncovered that Schafer was a registered sex offender and that he was required to give notice to South Dakota after either living or working in South Dakota for more than 3 days.