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### Press Release - For Immediate Release

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Elk Point, S.D. – State's Attorney Jerry A. Miller said today that Melanie Newman, 22, Yakima, WA, plead guilty on July 19, 2010, and was sentenced in the 1<sup>st</sup> Circuit Court, in Union County on August 23, 2010, to one count of possession of controlled substance (Amphetamine Salt - Adderall), a class 4 felony. The maximum sentence on the class 4 felony is 10 years in the penitentiary and / or \$20,000 fine. Newman received a sentence of 7 years in the South Dakota State Penitentiary with 4 years suspended with credit for the 111 days that Newman previously spent in jail. Newman was not fined on the possession charge but was ordered to pay court costs, prosecution costs and her obligations to repay Union County for providing a defense attorney.

Melanie Newman, was the passenger in a vehicle that was involved in a single vehicle accident within the construction zone at MM 1. While the Driver fled the scene on foot, Newman remained. Newman was arrested by South Dakota Highway Patrolman, Joel Peterson.