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Elk Point, S.D. – State's Attorney Jerry A. Miller said today that Anthony Dowd, a 21 year old man from Jefferson, SD admitted to violating his supervised probation a second time at a court hearing on August 20, 2012. Dowd's first probation violation can be found on this web site under the date of February 23, 2012.

While Dowd was on supervised probation and while he was being monitored by a SCRAM anklet devise that monitors Dowd hourly to ensure sobriety. The SCRAM unit indicated on June 28, 2012 that he had submerged the anklet devise in water. Pursuant to the court's order, Dowd had to comply with the contractual obligations of acceptable use of the devise. The submerging of SCRAM anklet in water is a clear violation of that contract. Dowd admitted that he had wrapped the unit in plastic and to protect the devise and went swimming with the unit attached.

At Dowd's request, Dowd was sentenced on August 20, 2012 as a result of his admission to violating his supervised probation for the underlying original offenses:

- Possession of a Controlled Substance, a class 4 felony; and
- Driving Under the Influence, a class 1 misdemeanor.

The court reinstated Dowd's sentence to seven (7) years in the South Dakota State Penitentiary with all seven (7) years suspended. The Court then placed Dowd on seven (7) years of supervised probation.