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### Press Release - For Immediate Release

Elk Point, S.D. – State's Attorney Jerry A. Miller said today that Ashley Durrah, a 27 year old Sioux Falls, SD resident received a suspended imposition of sentence on November 19, 2012 on the charge of possession of controlled substance (Dihydrocodeinone), a class four felony; and the charge of False Impersonation to a Police Officer, a class one misdemeanor. Durrah was placed on supervised probation for a term of four years upon conditions that Durrah satisfy her probation; cooperate with her treatment; and pay her financial obligations ordered by the court. Durrah was ordered to serve eleven days in the Union County Jail. Durrah is ordered to pay the following for the controlled substance charge; Court Costs of one hundred and four dollars; Prosecution Costs of fifty-five dollars; a Fine in the amount of five hundred dollars; and Court-Appointed Attorney fees in the amount of four hundred and ninety-two dollars. On the charge of false impersonation to a police officer, the court ordered that Durrah pay Court Costs of eighty-four dollars; and a Fine in the amount of f Thee hundred dollars.

On August 8, 2012, Durrah was the traveling with two companions on interstate 29 near mm 43 southbound. The driver of a vehicle was stopped by the South Dakota Highway Patrol, Trooper Husby, for 90 mph in a 75 mph zone. The officer received several different stories from the three occupants. None of the occupants who were traveling together from Sioux Falls, SD to Detroit, MI admitted knowing anyone else's name. The driver indicated that they were on their way out to Detroit, MI to pick up her niece. Durrah advised that they were going out to go to Michigan for a concert. Durrah provided a false name and identifying information. A drug dog arrived on scene and alerted and indicated to the present odor of an item the animal is trained to recognize. A search revealed a paraphernalia pipe which was field tested as positive for methamphetamine. Durrah tested positive for the presents of marijuana at 211 ng/ml and benzodiazepine for which she did not have a valid prescription. This was Durrah's first felony conviction.