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Press Release - For Immediate Release

Elk Point, S.D. – State's Attorney Jerry A. Miller announced today that Ferando Beeck, age 20, a Hawarden, IA resident, plead guilty on January 30, 2012 in the 1st Circuit Court to one count of Possession of a Controlled Substance, a class four felony. The maximum sentence on a class four felony charge is a fine up to twenty thousand dollars, or a sentence up to ten years in the South Dakota State Penitentiary, or both.

Beeck was sentenced on March 12, 2012 on the above charge for a residential burglary that occurred on or about November 3, 2011. Beeck received a five year sentence to the state penitentiary with all five of those years suspended and placed on supervised probation for five years. This sentence is to be consecutive to the Beeck's sentence for the April 18, 2011 second degree burglary sentence. Beeck also received a sentence of one-hundred and eighty days in the Union County Jail with credit for the seventy-five days he spent incarcerated awaiting sentencing. Beeck's probation and county jail time is to run concurrent with his felony second degree burglary file. The balance of the county jail sentence will be suspended when Beeck can enroll in a treatment program.

On or about November 3, 2011, Beeck illegally entered his adoptive parent's residence and removed took prescription medications which was not prescribed to Beeck. The Union County Sheriff's department investigated this burglary and a previous burglary at the same location. Chief Deputy Mike Bucholz solved both burglaries and identified all persons involved. Confessions were given by Beeck and his accomplices. The stolen prescriptions were not for personal use but were reportedly sold. Beeck was not living at the address at the time of the burglary.