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### Press Release - For Immediate Release

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Elk Point, S.D. – State's Attorney Jerry A. Miller announced today that Joshua Schultz, age 31, a Sioux City, IA resident, plead guilty on February 27, 2012 in the 1<sup>st</sup> Circuit Court on three separate felony files. Schultz plead guilty to one count of **Grand Theft** that occurred on November 5, 2011, a class 4 felony; Schultz plead guilty to one count of **Identity Theft** that occurred on November 14, 2011, a class 6 felony; and Schultz plead guilty to one count of **Identity Theft** that occurred on November 21, 2011, a class 6 felony. A class 4 felony carries a maximum sentence of 10 years in the state penitentiary and or a twenty thousand dollar fine. Each class 6 felony carries a maximum sentence of 2 years in the state penitentiary and / or a four thousand dollar fine.

Schultz was sentenced on April 9, 2012 on the above charges. He received consecutive sentences totaling 14 years in the South Dakota state penitentiary. All 14 years were suspended and Schultz was placed on supervised probation for a total of 14 years. Additionally he was ordered to participate in a drug and rehabilitation program, Teen Challenge, out of Brookings, SD. Schultz also received a five hundred dollar fine on each count, for a total of one thousand five hundred dollars in fines. Schultz was ordered to serve one hundred and fifty days in the Union County Jail prior to being released on probation and his immediate enrollment in the Teen Challenge program.

On or about November 5, 2011 Schultz stole more than a thousand dollars in tools, jewelry, credit cards, and checks from his employer in Jefferson, SD. On November 14, 2011 Schultz used a credit card taken from his employer for unauthorized purchases. On November 21, 2011 Schultz forged a stolen check from his employer's child and attempted to pass that check for cash at the child's bank. Sheriff Dan Limoges and the Sioux City Police Department investigated these crimes. All of the tools and jewelry were recovered and the victim reimbursed for the fraudulent use of the credit card.