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Press Release - For Immediate Release

Elk Point, S.D. – State's Attorney Jerry A. Miller announced today that Tonja Nowlen, age 33, a Sioux City, IA resident, plead guilty on September 12, 2011 in the 1st Circuit Court to one count of Possession of a Known Forged Instrument (Fake Currency), a class five felony. Nowlen will be sentenced on October 24, 2011 to a suspended two year sentence to the state penitentiary with two years of supervised probation.

Nowlen admitted to regular use of methamphetamine and marijuana during the same time that she was ordered to abstain from all use of illegal and controlled drugs and successfully work a treatment program with Jackson Recovery Services. On August 6, 2012, Nowlen was sentenced on her first probation violation in which the court restarted Nowlen's probation. The court re-imposed a suspended two year sentence to the state penitentiary with two years of supervised probation. Nowlen was ordered back into treatment and a halfway house program.

Nowlen has been convicted of two separate felony offenses.