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Elk Point, S.D. – State's Attorney Jerry A. Miller said today that Travis Larson, a 35 year old Sioux City, IA resident was sentenced on November 26, 2012 on one count of misdemeanor ingestion of a controlled substance (Synthetic Marijuana), a class one misdemeanor. Larson received a suspended sixty day sentence to the Union County jail. Additionally, Larson is required to pay Court Costs of eight-four dollars; Prosecution Costs of three hundred fifty-one dollars and eighty cents; and a fine in the amount of three hundred dollars. Larson had retained his own attorney in this file.

Governor Daugaard signed an emergency bill into law making many forms of K2 a felony to possess on February 23, 2012. Following the new law, the DEA Tri-State Drug Task Force conducted a controlled purchase of synthetic marijuana from the retail store in North Sioux City, known as Mr. Yucks. On March 5, 2012 while the SD Highway Patrol was assisting the DEA in the execution of one of three search warrants that the DEA was executing on that day involving Gregory Enright, the lease holder of a retail store, Mr. Yucks, in North Sioux City that was being used to sell various flavors and brands of K2. Larson was a customer who entered the retail establishment on March 5, 2012 during the time frame when law enforcement was executing the search warrant. Larson also admitted that he had recently used K2 and provided a urine sample for testing. That urine sample was positive for a controlled substance which is known as synthetic marijuana, a schedule 1 drug having no medical benefit at all and deemed to be highly addictive in addition to marijuana. Larson was present at Mr. Yucks to purchase more K2. K2 is a generic name for synthetic marijuana.