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Elk Point, S.D. State's Attorney Jerry A. Miller announced today that Darren O'Connor, a 34 year old Elk Point, SD resident was before the court on September 23, 2013 for the criminal charge of felony conviction Aggravated Eluding, a class 6 felony; and Driving Under the Influence 2nd offense. O'Connor attempted to elude the officers and entered Iowa on highway 48, driving through Akron IA, and came back into SD on highway 50. Iowa officer joined the pursuit until O'Connor reentered South Dakota. O'Connor lost control of his vehicle and had to be extricated from the vehicle by emergency personnel. O'Connor was then taken to Mercy Medical Emergency Room for treatment. O'Connor blood alcohol level was .118% at the hospital. Union County Deputy Sheriff, Jon Feller, was the Deputy who investigated this case and observed all of the dangerous and reckless driving associated with O'Connor's charges.

O'Connor was on felony probation in Clay County South Dakota. These new charges resulted in a probation violation. O'Connor admitted to the probation violation in Clay County and was sentenced to the South Dakota State Penitentiary due to his record and actions associated with his original Clay County charges and the probation violation.

On September 23, 2013 the Court sentenced Darren O'Connor to a 2 year sentence to the South Dakota State Penitentiary with 6 months suspended. The State recommend a penitentiary sentence for Mr. O'Connor due to the nature of the offense and based upon his record. This is O'Connor's second career felony and O'Connor's second career driving under the influence charge.