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Press Release - For Immediate Release

Elk Point, S.D. – State's Attorney Jerry A. Miller said today that Jennie DeCora, a 47 year old Sioux City, IA resident, admitted to two counts of violating the terms of her probation. Ms. DeCora was on probation from an original conviction of possession of a controlled substance, namely methamphetamine. Based on this original conviction and sentencing from January 31, 2011. Ms. DeCora received the following sentence following DeCora's admission to the probation violations, on October 21, 2013. DeCora received a five year suspended execution of sentence and an order requiring DeCora to successfully complete a term of five years of supervised probation.

On April 30, 2013, Ms. DeCora was fired from her employment; and between July of 2011 and April of 2013, DeCora admitted to, or tested positive for use of methamphetamine, Adderall, Oxycodone, and or marijuana on ten separate occasions in total. There were no charges for the ten occasions in which DeCora either admitted to the use of methamphetamine, Adderall, Oxycodone, and or marijuana to her Court Services Officer. DeCora has been in a romantic relationship with Tom Fugle, one of the founders of the out-law motorcycle gang, the El Forasteros, for the past fifteen years. The State argued that DeCora and Fugle are still active in the El Forasteros club activity. The club's activities have been documented to include the purchase and use of methamphetamines. The State argued that DeCora was not an appropriate candidate for continued probation. The State further argued that DeCora should have received a penitentiary sentence for the full five years that the court had available. DeCora has had several criminal charges and convictions for misdemeanor offenses involving drugs and alcohol, however this is DeCora's first felony conviction and DeCora's first probation violation on this felony file.