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Elk Point, S.D. – State's Attorney Jerry A. Miller said today that Stephanie Anderson, a 43 year old McCook Lake, South Dakota resident, pled guilty and was sentenced on March 18, 2013 on one count of Second Degree Burglary, a class three felony, and one count of possession of controlled substance (Lorazepam obtained without valid prescription), a class four felony. Anderson received a suspended fifteen year sentence to the state penitentiary for the Second Degree Burglary, and a suspended seven year sentence to the state penitentiary for the possession of controlled substance charge, which will run concurrent to each other. Ms. Anderson was also ordered to be placed on supervised probation for a period of five years. Ms. Anderson was also sentenced to one hundred eighty days in the Union County Jail, with ninety suspended so long as she attended drug treatment. Ms. Anderson received a fine of seven hundred fifty dollars for this felony charge.

While Ms. Anderson was serving out her ninety day sentence in the Union County Jail, Union County Jailers discovered her to be in possession of controlled substances in the form of several different types of pharmaceutical drugs which she had smuggled into her cell, violating the terms of her probation.

Ms. Anderson was sentenced on for violating her probation on June 17, 2013. Ms. Anderson's original sentences were re-imposed, with four years suspended for the controlled substance charge and seven years suspended for the burglary charge. Ms. Anderson was also held to account for two new class four felony counts for possessing controlled substances in jail, for which she was sentenced serve five years concurrently on each, but consecutive to the original sentences of burglary and possession of controlled substances. Ms. Anderson was therefore ordered to spend the next eight years incarcerated for the burglary charge, followed by three years to serve for possessing controlled substances in jail. Ms. Anderson was ordered to remain in custody in the Union County Jail until she can be transported to the South Dakota State Penitentiary in Pierre, SD.