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Press Release - For Immediate Release

Elk Point, S.D. – State's Attorney Jerry A. Miller announced today that Alan Skogen, 49, a rural Elk Point man, was arrested on May 18, 2010, on an eleven count indictment for the Inhumane Treatment of an Animal, each charge is a class 1 misdemeanor.

The charges are in relation to the conditions of the Skogen's herd and the eleven animals found dead during an investigation on February 1, 2010.

Assisting agencies that contributed to this investigation include: Union County Sheriff's Office, South Dakota Animal Industry Board, and the Animal Disease Research & Diagnostic Laboratory – Veterinary Science Department of SDSU.

This case is being prosecuted by the Deputy State's Attorney Jeff Rarick. The defendant's bond was set as a personal recognizance bond. Skogen is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

Skogen's next hearing date is set for June 3, 2010.