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Elk Point, S.D. – State's Attorney Jerry A. Miller said today that Bill O'Quinn, 39, Dixon, NE, plead guilty on July 19, 2010, and was sentenced in the 1st Circuit Court, in Union County on August 23, 2010, to one count of possession of controlled substance (Methamphetamine), a class 4 felony. The maximum sentence on the class 4 felony is 10 years in the penitentiary and / or \$20,000 fine. O'Quinn received a sentence of 4 years in the South Dakota State Penitentiary with 2 years suspended with credit for the 100 days that O'Quinn previously spent in jail. O'Quinn was not fined on the possession charge but was ordered to pay court costs, prosecution costs and his obligations to repay Union County for providing a defense attorney.

Bill O'Quinn, was found crossing a North Sioux City street with an open alcoholic container on May 15, 2010. O'Quinn was found to have a digital scale in his possession with residue amount of methamphetamine on the scale. O'Quinn was also found to have the following substances in his urinalysis: Cannabinoids; Methamphetamine; and Amphetamine. O'Quinn was also found to have an active warrant for his arrest for being in violation of the Nebraska Sex Offender Registry. This case was investigated by patrolman Aaron Tyler of the North Sioux City Police Department.