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Elk Point, S.D. – State's Attorney Jerry A. Miller said today that Lance Dunlap, 25, Sioux City, IA, plead guilty on May 17, 2010, and was sentenced in the 1st Circuit Court, in Union County on August 16, 2010, to one count of Making False or Fraudulent Tax Return, a class 6 felony and one count of Tattooing a Minor without Parental Consent, a class 2 misdemeanor. Dunlap received a sentence of two years in the South Dakota Penitentiary with two years suspended. Dunlap was placed on probation for one year and fined \$750.00 on the felony false tax return charge and \$300 on the misdemeanor tattooing a minor charge. Dunlap was required to follow his terms of probation and pay court and prosecution costs as well.

This case was investigated by the Union County Sheriff's Office by Chief Investigator Mike Bucholz, and by the South Dakota Department of Revenue, agent Lara Cunningham. The two investigations merged as the Dept. of Rev. was dealing with Dunlap about his fraudulent reports and a concerned parent reported to investigator Bucholz the issue of her child being tattooed without her consent. While there were multiple issues of tattooing without proper consent only one set of parents wanted the State to pursue a charge against Dunlap.