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Elk Point, S.D. – State's Attorney Jerry A. Miller said today that Lucille Clay, age 21, from Cherokee, IA, admitted to her second probation violation since being sentenced on February 8, 2010 on one count of second degree burglary (a class 3 felony), intentional damage to property (a class 4 felony) and killing or injuring an animal of another (a class 1 misdemeanor). The court's disposition in this felony probation file was a ten year sentence with six years suspended to the state penitentiary.

Clay was one of several individuals who were involved in a large party in a South Dakota home near the Iowa line by Akron IA of a person who had recently passed away. Clay and others ransacked the home, stole items of value, and burned other irreplaceable items in a bonfire. Besides the burglary, damages and theft, Clay intentionally placed a dog from this residence into the bonfire – a dog that was being cared for by family members. The dog survived Clay's actions. Following today's proceedings, Clay is being held until she is transported to state penitentiary by the Union County Sheriff.

The original case was investigated by Chief Deputy Mike Bucholz with the Union County Sheriff's Office.