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Press Release - For Immediate Release

Elk Point, S.D. – State's Attorney Jerry A. Miller said today that Thomas Varvais, 18, Sioux City, IA, plead guilty today in the 1st Circuit Court, to one count of second degree rape, a class 1 felony. The maximum sentence on this charge is 50 years in the penitentiary and / or \$100,000. Today's plea agreement caps the state's recommendation at sentencing at 25 years. Varvais was indicted on January 4, 2010. Today's plea stems from the rape of a 19 year old woman in rural Union County. Varvais remains in the custody of the Union County Jail without bond.

Sentencing has been scheduled for July 12, 2010 at 10:30 a.m.