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### Press Release - For Immediate Release

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Elk Point, S.D. – State's Attorney Jerry A. Miller said today that Thomas Varvais, 19, Sioux City, IA, was sentenced today in the 1<sup>st</sup> Circuit Court, on the charge of 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. Varvais received a sentence of 40 years with 25 years suspended. Varvais will have to serve 65% of the remaining 15 years or about 9.8 years before Varvais is eligible for parole. Varvais remains in the custody of the Union County Jail until transported to the South Dakota State penitentiary. Varvais was also ordered to pay for his Court Appointed Attorney; Court Costs; and Prosecution costs to include the costs of the psychosexual evaluation. One of the Court Ordered condition imposed a protection order against Varvais protecting the victim and victim's daughter for 40 years.

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