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### Press Release - For Immediate Release

Elk Point, S.D. – State's Attorney Jerry A. Miller announced today that Craig Raaen, age 44, a Sioux Falls, SD resident, was sentenced on Tuesday August 23, 2011 in the 1<sup>st</sup> Circuit Court on one count of Possession a Controlled Substance (Cocaine), a class four felony. Raaen received a sentence of seventy-three days with work release in the Union County Jail – Raaen may serve this time in the Minnehaha County Jail at his own additional expense if he is able to make the arrangements; and a fine of seven hundred dollars. Raaen also received a suspended ten-year sentence to the South Dakota State Penitentiary. Following Raaen's county jail sentence, he will be placed on seven years of supervised probation. If Raaen fails to follow the terms and condition of his probation, he could be sentenced to the penitentiary for the remainder of the suspended ten-year sentence.

Raaen was with a co-defendant, Bruce Collins (also from Sioux Falls, SD). Raaen plead guilty and testified at Collins' trial. Raaen testified that Collins had been his drug dealer for the past eighteen months prior to their arrest on February 18, 2011. Troopers Jason Husby and Trent Heuertz of the South Dakota Highway Patrol, stopped Raaen's vehicle traveling northbound on interstate twenty-nine. During this stop and investigation, these troopers recovered 16.7 grams of methamphetamine from Raaen and Collins.