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Elk Point, S.D. – State's Attorney Jerry A. Miller announced today that Laura Bensen, age 30, a Sioux City, IA resident, plead guilty on Monday, August 29, 2011 in the 1st Circuit Court to one count of Possession of Controlled Substances (Methamphetamine), a class four felony and one count of Driving Under the Influence (Drugs), a class one misdemeanor. Bensen faces the combined total from each maximum sentence the court could impose. The maximum sentence on a class four-felony charge is fine up to twenty thousand dollar fine, or a sentence up to ten years in the South Dakota State Penitentiary, or both. The maximum sentence on a class one misdemeanor is a sentence up to one year in the county jail, or a fine up to two thousand dollars, or both. The Court could also revoke Bensen's driving privileges for up to one year on this DUI charge.

Bensen was indicted on June 23, 2011 on the above listed charge. Bensen is currently out on bond awaiting sentencing. Bensen will be sentenced on October 3, 2011, at 10:30 p.m.