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Elk Point, S.D. – State's Attorney Jerry A. Miller announced today that Randy Christensen, age 19, a Sioux City, IA resident, was sentenced on Monday August 29, 2011 in the 1st Circuit Court on one count of Forgery, a class 5 felony. Christensen received a sentence of sixty days in the Union County Jail with work release; a suspended five year sentence to the South Dakota Penitentiary; no fine; and restitution in the amount of four hundred and fifty dollars. Christensen was also placed on supervised probation for five years. If Christensen fails to follow the terms and conditions of his probation, the court could sentence Christensen to the state penitentiary for the remainder of the five-year sentence. Christensen could have faced a maximum sentence of five years in the South Dakota Penitentiary or a fine up to ten thousand dollars, or both.

Christensen's criminal charge was the result of forging an employer's check for personal benefit and passing that check at a North Sioux City merchant's establishment. Sgt. Richard Headid of the North Sioux City Police Department investigated this case.