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Elk Point, S.D. – State's Attorney Jerry A. Miller announced today that Robert Chandler, age 47, a Mokena, IL resident, was sentenced on Tuesday August 23, 2011 in the 1st Circuit Court on one count of Possession a Controlled Substance (Cocaine), a class 4 felony. Christensen received a sentence of twenty-two days in the Union County; and a fine of six thousand dollars. Chandler, as with every defendant who is sentence, is required to pay court costs, prosecution costs, and court-appointed attorney's fees as well.

Chandler's criminal charge was the result of commercial motor vehicle check at the South Dakota Port of Entry at Jefferson SD. Trooper Trent Heuertz, a canine handler for the South Dakota Highway Patrol investigated this case.

Chandler who was unable to bond out of jail for several days reported to law enforcement, that while he was in jail, a cellmate of his by the name of Bruce Collins, confided all the details of obtaining a large amount of methamphetamine in Iowa, and Collins' efforts to conceal those drugs that were being transported through Union County. As the information related from Chandler was extremely fact specific, Chandler testified against Collins at his Trial. Prior to spending time in the Union County Jail, Chandler had no contact or association with Collins, nor did Chandler's criminal case have any overlap with Collins' criminal charges.