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Elk Point, S.D. – State's Attorney Jerry A. Miller said today that Anthony Dowd, a 21 year old man from Jefferson, SD admitted to violating his supervised probation at a court hearing on January 23, 2012. Dowd received a suspended imposition of sentence from the court on September 26, 2011. At that time, Dowd was placed on supervised probation for seven (7) years.

While Dowd was on probation and serving his county jail sentence with a provision that Dowd could be released to attend his college classes. Dowd was found to violate his supervised probation by testing positive for the use of synthetic marijuana; admitting to the use of marijuana during a release for his college classes; and for smuggling synthetic marijuana and other prohibited items into the jail, which were distributed to other county inmates.

At Dowd's request, Dowd was sentenced on January 23, 2012 as a result of his admission to violating his supervised probation. The court revoked Dowd's original suspended imposition of sentence and proceeded to sentence Dowd on the original offenses:

- Possession of a Controlled Substance, a class 4 felony; and
- Driving Under the Influence, a class 1 misdemeanor.

On the charge of possession of a controlled substance, the court sentenced Dowd to seven (7) years in the South Dakota State Penitentiary with all seven (7) years suspended. The Court then placed Dowd on seven (7) years of supervised probation. Additionally, Dowd's original county jail sentence was increased to one-hundred and eighty (180) days. The court revoked Dowd privileges to attend college class during this jail sentence.