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Elk Point, S.D. – State's Attorney Jerry A. Miller said today that Benjamin Hunt, a 22 year old South Sioux City, NE resident was sentenced on August 20, 2012 on one count of possession of controlled substance (Synthetic Marijuana), a class four felony. Hunt received a suspended seven year sentence to the state penitentiary and five years of supervised probation. Hunt was sentenced to one hundred days (100) in the Union County Jail. Hunt received a fine of five hundred dollar for this felony charge. This is Hunt's second felony level conviction.

On March 5, 2012 while the Union County Sheriff's Office was assisting the DEA in the execution of one of three search warrants that the DEA was executing on that day involving Gregory Enright, the lease holder of a rural residence (small farm stead) that was being used to manufacture K2 in the rural Elk Point, SD area. Hunt was an employee and associate of Gregory Enright, who was assisting in the manufacturing, weighing and bagging of the K2 product at this rural residence. Hunt also admitted that he had recently used K2 and provided a urine sample for testing. That urine sample was positive for a controlled substance which is known as synthetic marijuana, a schedule 1 drug having no medical benefit at all and deemed to be highly addictive. Hunt was provided with K2 as part of his association and employment with Enright. Governor Daugaard signed an emergency bill into law making many forms of K2 a felony to possess on February 23, 2012.