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## Press Release - For Immediate Release

Elk Point, S.D. – State's Attorney Jerry A. Miller announced today that Christopher Jones, 38, Sioux City, IA, was sentenced on April 30, 2012 for Count 1, 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Rape, a class 2 felony. Jones plead guilty to Count 1 after the State rested its case during the re-trial on March 27, 2012. Jones received a fifteen year sentence to the South Dakota State Penitentiary with 4 years suspended. Jones was convicted at a jury trial on March 24, 2010 appealed to the South Dakota Supreme Court and later re-tried for the same offense. Today's plea stems from the defendant having raped his 23 year-old victim twice during the early morning hours of October 19, 2008, in a Dakota Dunes home.

The case was investigated by the Union County Sheriff's Office. The case was tried by State's Attorney Jerry A. Miller on both occasions. Deputy State's Attorney Alexis Tracy assisted in the re-trial of Jones.

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### **[ArgusLeader.com] Iowa man sentenced in S.D. for raping woman:**

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### **[Sioux City Journal] Sioux City man, 38, gets 20 years for rape in Dakota Dunes:**

By Dolly A. Butz - dbutz@siouxcityjournal.com | Posted: Wednesday, May 26, 2010 12:00 am. : SIOUX CITY -- A Sioux City man was sentenced to over 20 years in prison Monday for raping a woman in Union County, S.D. A jury found Christopher Jones, 38, guilty in March of two counts of third-degree rape. According to Union County State's Attorney Jerry Miller, a judge sentenced Jones to 15 years in prison Monday on each count. The terms are to run consecutively with eight years suspended. Jones must pay \$2,488.77 in attorney fees, \$73 in court costs, \$490.48 to prosecutors, as well as restitution to the victim in an amount yet to be determined. He was also ordered to complete a sex offender treatment program. According to the charges filed, Jones raped a 23-year-old woman twice in Dakota Dunes, S.D., during the early morning hours of Oct. 19, 2008. He met the victim for the first time while celebrating her friend's 21st birthday the night before in Sioux City. Jones, the victim and two other people went to the house in Dakota Dunes to continue celebrating after the bars closed. The assaults occurred after the victim, who was heavily intoxicated, passed out at the residence. Miller said Jones will remain in the custody of the Union County Sheriff's Office until he can be transported to the South Dakota State Penitentiary in Sioux Falls.