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Elk Point, S.D. – State's Attorney Jerry A. Miller said today that Christopher E. Mollet, 41, Jefferson, SD, was sentenced November 26, 2012 in the 1st Circuit Court on one count of Contributory Abuse of a Child, a class one misdemeanor. Mollet plead guilty pursuant to a plea agreement where in the State filed a superceding complaint and information for the above charge that Mollet plead guilty to in exchange for the State dismissing the previously filed felony charges of Fourth Degree Rape and Sexual Contact with a Child Under the Age of Sixteen.

The maximum sentence on a class one misdemeanor charge is sentence up to one year in the county jail and / or a fine up to two thousand dollars. Mollet received a sentence of three hundred and sixty days in the Union County jail with three hundred days suspended. Mollet is to report to the Union County Jail on December 10, 2012 by 9:00 a.m. to start his sixty day sentence.

Mollet was also placed on supervised probation for two years. Mollet must also participate and complete counseling as a term and condition of his probation. All of the Courts and probations terms of condition must be followed as the Court could revoke the three hundred day of the sentence that was suspended. Mollet was also required to pay prosecution cost of two thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven dollars and fifty cents.

This case was investigated by Chief Deputy Sheriff Mike Bucholz of the Union County Sheriff's Office. During the investigation Mollet was interviewed twice. Both interviews were recorded where in Mollet made admissions against his interests as it pertains to the original charges. State's Attorney Jerry Miller cites issues with the constitutionality of the second interview as well as issues with the victim being able to survive a trial without additional psychological harm prompted the offer and acceptance of a misdemeanor charge.