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Elk Point, S.D. – State's Attorney Jerry A. Miller said today that Dale Allen, a 60 year old Sioux City, IA resident was sentenced on August 13, 2012 on one count of possession of controlled substance (Synthetic Marijuana), a class four felony. Allen received a suspended five year sentence to the state penitentiary and three years of supervised probation. Allen was sentenced to nineteen days (19) in the Union County Jail. Allen received a fine of two hundred dollar for this felony charge. This is Allen's second felony conviction.

This case was investigated by North Sioux City police officer Sergeant Richard Headid. On March 5, 2012 while the North Sioux City Police Department 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 owner of Mr. Yucks head shop in North Sioux City, SD. Allen was a customer who came into the head shop and admitted that he wanted to purchase a controlled substance generically called K2. Allen 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. This form of K2 was illegal to possess in Iowa since July 29, 2011. Allen, who is an Iowa resident was coming to South Dakota to purchase the substance to continue his addiction. Governor Daugard signed an emergency bill into law making many forms of K2 a felony to possess on February 23, 2012. The manner in which Allen intended to use the K2 was illegal in both states.