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Elk Point, S.D. – State's Attorney Jerry A. Miller announced today that Daniel Ortiz, age 21, a Hawarden, IA resident, was sentenced on March 19, 2012 in the 1st Circuit Court to one count of Accessory to second Degree Burglary, a class five felony. The maximum sentence on a class five felony charge is a fine up to ten thousand dollars, or a sentence up to five years in the South Dakota State Penitentiary, or both.

Ortiz was sentenced on March 19, 2012 on the above charge for a residential burglary that occurred on or about April 18, 2011. Ortiz received a Suspended Imposition of Sentence on this file from the Court. Ortiz was ordered to successfully complete three years of supervised probation. Should Ortiz successfully complete his supervised probation this offense will be removed from his record. Ortiz also received a fine of five hundred dollars.

On or about April 18, 2011, Ortiz assisted in the burglary of a rural Union County home. Another defendant illegally entered the residence and removed several item of value without permission. Ortiz admitted that he knew his actions were wrong and that his actions assisted in the burglary and that he did nothing to separate himself from his friends during or after the burglary. The Union County Sheriff's department investigated this burglary. Chief Deputy Mike Bucholz received confessions from all the individuals involved in this burglary.