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Elk Point, S.D. – State's Attorney Jerry A. Miller said today that Dennis Vanmaanen, a 43 year old Sioux Falls, SD resident plead guilty on November 28, 2011, and was sentenced in the 1st Circuit Court, in Union County on January 30, 2012 to one count of Possession of Controlled Substance (Meth), a class 4 felony and one count of Driving Under the Influence 1st offense, a class 1 misdemeanor. The maximum sentence on the class 4 felony is ten (10) years in the penitentiary and / or a twenty-thousand dollar (\$20,000) fine. On the possession of Controlled Substance charge, Vanmaanen received a sentence of seven (7) years in the South Dakota State Penitentiary with seven (7) years suspended. Vanmaanen was placed on supervised probation for five (5) years and ordered to spend ninety (90) days in the Union County Jail. Vanmaanen was also fined seven-hundred and fifty (\$750) dollars on the felony possession charge. On the DWI 1st charge Vanmaanen was fined an additional three-hundred (\$300) dollars and the Court revoked his driver's license for thirty (30) days from the date of his release.

On July 4, 2011 Dennis Vanmaanen was reported to law enforcement as a hazardous driver on Interstate 29. South Dakota Highway Patrolman, Cody Jansen responded to the report and located Vanmaanen at mile marker 26 on Interstate 29. Both of Vanmaanen's charges arise from his admitted drug use. Vanmaanen was found to be both in possession and under the influence of methamphetamine, amphetamine, and marijuana while operating a motor vehicle.