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Press Release - For Immediate Release

Elk Point, S.D. – State's Attorney Jerry A. Miller said today that Ernesto Galvan, a 26 year old man from Sioux City, IA plead guilty on November 28, 2011 and was sentenced on February 6, 2012 to the following charges:

- Possession of Controlled Substance, a class 4 felony;
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, a class 2 misdemeanor; and
- Driving without a Valid License, a class 2 misdemeanor.

On the charge of possession of controlled substance, Galvan received a two (2) year sentence to the South Dakota State Penitentiary.

On the charge of Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Galvan received a fine of two-hundred (\$200) dollars.

On the charge of driving without a valid license, Galvan received a fine of one-hundred (\$100) dollars.

This case was investigated by Trooper Cody Jansen of the South Dakota Highway Patrol. On June 25, 2011 Galvan was pulled over for a vehicle with only one plate when the home state requires that vehicle be equipped with two plates. Trooper Jansen detected the odor of marijuana and asked Galvan about his use and if he possessed any marijuana at the time of the stop. Galvan admitted to possession and recent use of marijuana. A test run on the substances present in Galvan body at the time of the stop revealed that methamphetamine was present as well as a positive result for marijuana.