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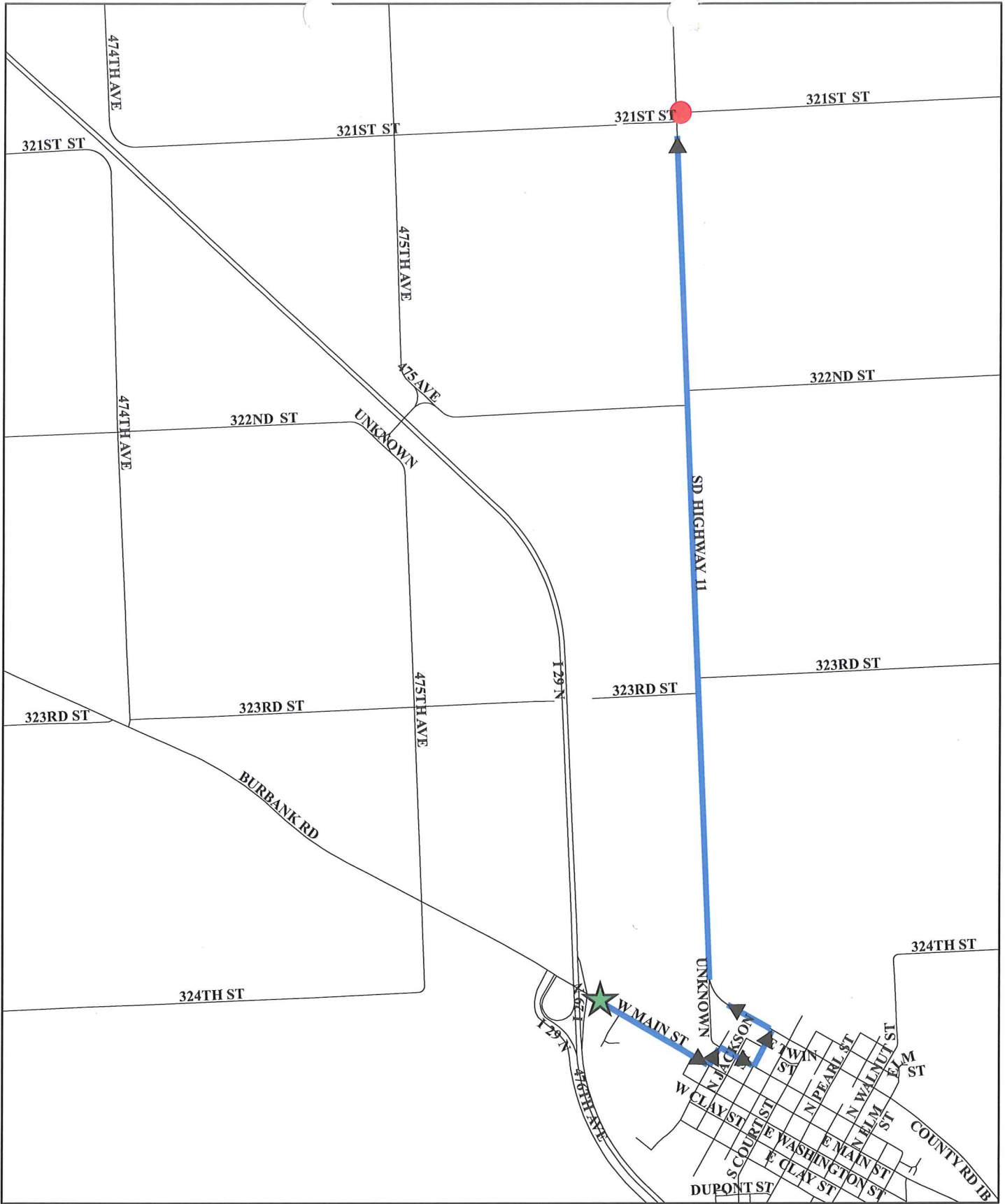
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Elk Point, S.D. – State's Attorney Jerry A. Miller said today that Gregg Martin, a 52 year old Elk Point, SD resident was sentenced on November 19, 2012 on one count of aggravated eluding, a class six felony; one count of driving under the influence, a class one misdemeanor; and one count of driving without a valid license, a class two misdemeanor. Martin received a suspended two year sentence to the state penitentiary and was placed on supervised probation for three years. On the aggravated eluding charge, Martin was further ordered to serve one hundred and twenty days in the Union County jail with work release. Martin was ordered to pay Court Costs of one hundred and four dollars; Prosecution Costs of ninety dollars; and Court-Appointed Attorney feed in the amount of six hundred and seventy-two dollars and forty cents. Martin criminal history shows a previous eluding charge.

On the driving while under the influence charge, Martin was ordered to pay Court Costs of eighty-four dollars; and a fine in the amount of four hundred dollars. Martin criminal history shows four career convictions for driving while under the influence however this is Martin's first within the preceding ten years making this a DUI 1st charge.

On the driving without a valid license charge, Martin was ordered to pay Court Costs of sixty-six dollars; and a fine in the amount of two hundred dollars.

On July 23, 2012 at 2:50 p.m., a retired law enforcement officer reported to 911 that he was following a person he believed to be a drunk driver. Officers from the Union County Sheriff's Office and the Elk Point Police Department responded. Deputy Stephanie Ryan found Martin based on description provided. Martin led law enforcement into and out of Elk Point on a low speed pursuit with several officers assisting. Martin stopped after being chased about 3 ½ miles. Within this time frame, Martin, nearly struck a parked car; failed to stop for stop signs; either crossed the centerline or left the road way several times; and forced two on-coming vehicle to the slowdown and move over to the extreme right side of their lane to avoid being hit head on. Martin's BAC was .264% by weight. A person is presumed to be under the influence at .08%. Martin was 3.3 times higher than the presumed level. This is Martin's second felony conviction.



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1 inch = 2,475 feet

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