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### Press Release - For Immediate Release

Elk Point, S.D. – State's Attorney Jerry A. Miller said today that James DeHaan Jr., a 31 year old Hawarden, IA resident was sentenced on August 20, 2012 on one count of grand theft, a class four felony. DeHaan Jr. received a suspended imposition of sentence and three years of supervised probation. DeHaan Jr. was sentenced to six days (6) in the Union County Jail. DeHaan Jr. received a fine of five hundred dollar for this felony charge and was required to pay restitution in the amount of One Thousand Six Hundred Dollars. This is DeHaan Jr. first felony conviction. If DeHaan Jr. satisfies his supervised probation without violations, the effect of the suspended imposition of sentence is to seal this file from DeHaan Jr.'s official criminal history.

This case was investigated by the Union County State's Attorney's Office, Chief Deputy Mike Bucholz. DeHaan Jr. and his accomplice Terry Hulstein, also from Hawarden, IA, both conspired in defrauding the funds raised pursuant to a charity fund raiser for Charly Haeder of Alcester SD. A signature was required by both in order to obtain funds from Haeder's charity fund account. Together they defrauded the charity funds by \$3,400.00. Hulstein turned state's evidence and agreed to testify against DeHaan Jr. Because of Hulstein's cooperation he was allowed to plea to a class one misdemeanor, first degree petty offense theft. Hulstein also paid half of the fund (\$1,600.00) in restitution immediately upon his sentencing.