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Elk Point, S.D. – State's Attorney Jerry A. Miller said today that Kenneth Hanika, a 29 year old man from Sioux City, IA admitted to violating his supervised probation at a court hearing on January 9, 2012. Hanika originally received a suspended ten (10) year sentence to the South Dakota State Penitentiary and was placed on supervised probation for seven (7) years imposition of sentence from the court on October 3, 2011.

Hanika admitted to violating his probation in the following manner: Hanika failed to appear for a scheduled chemical evaluation; To being arrested on multiple misdemeanor offenses in North Sioux City, SD on December 30, 2011; Plead guilty to those same offenses in the Union County magistrate court on January 5, 2012; Testing positive for methamphetamine from the December 30, 2011 incident; and failing to make payments consistent with the court's order.

Hanika was sentenced on January 23, 2012 as a result of his admission to violating his supervised probation. The court revoked Hanika's original suspended execution of sentence and proceeded to sentence Hanika on the original offenses:

- Possession of a Controlled Substance, a class 4 felony; and
- Possession of Marijuana, a class 1 misdemeanor.

On the charge of possession of a controlled substance, the court re-sentenced Hanika to ten (10) years in the South Dakota State Penitentiary and suspended seven (7) of those ten (10) years. The court's sentence is a three (3) year sentence to the penitentiary. The court re-imposed the original sentence on the possession of marijuana charge.