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Elk Point, S.D. – State's Attorney Jerry A. Miller said today that Kristyna Dishman, a 34 year old Indianapolis, IN resident, was sentenced on August 27, 2012 on one count of possession of a controlled substance, a class 4 felony and one count of forgery, a class 5 felony. On the possession charge Dishman received a suspended seven year sent to the state penitentiary and five years of supervised probation. Dishman was ordered to serve ninety days in the Union County Jail and pay no fine at all. On the forgery charge Dishman received a consecutive two year suspended sentence to state penitentiary and a consecutive two years on supervised probation. Dishman was ordered to pay fine of Five Hundred dollars and restitution of Seven Hundred Sixty-Eight Dollars and sixty-one cents.

Michael Schurch of the Beresford Police Department responded to a suspicious vehicle call where an individual was reportedly sleeping in the vehicle. Officer Schurch found Dishman in the vehicle asleep. When Dishman woke up she was disorientated and did not know where she was or how she came to be there. It was later discovered that Dishman was traveling with another male subject and they had stopped in Beresford for the night. Sometime in the night, Dishman used "Bath-Salts"; stole her companion's vehicle and wallet; purchased items at the Beresford truck stop using her companion's credit card; drove to the Coffee Cup Truck Stop and purchased more items using her companion's credit card; and drove back to Beresford where she passed out.

While Dishman was handcuffed and being transported to the Union County Jail, Dishman managed to free one of her hands from the handcuffs and broke out a side window of the Beresford city patrol car. Dishman crawled out of the patrol car onto the interstate before the officer was able to stop the vehicle. Dishman does not remember her actions due to her use of "Bath Salts" or her latter actions of tearing up a hospital room at the Vermillion Sanford hospital where she was taken to be checked out prior to being booked into jail.

Dishman has a criminal history in Indiana, however, these two felony charges are Dishman's only two felonies on her record.