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Elk Point, S.D. – State's Attorney Jerry A. Miller said today that Leah Larson, a 28 year old Sioux City, IA resident, was sentenced on August 27, 2012 on one count of possession of controlled substance (Morphine), a class four felony and one count of driving with a revoked driver's license, a class one misdemeanor. Larson received a suspended seven year sentence to the state penitentiary and five years of supervised probation. Larson was sentenced to one hundred and eighty days (180) in the Union County Jail with eighty days suspended if Larson obeys all the terms and conditions of probation and if Larson enters a halfway house program. Larson received no fine for the felony charge and a two hundred and fifty dollar (\$250) fine on the misdemeanor offense. Larson has several offenses in her criminal record involving drugs and driving infractions. This is Larson's first felony conviction.

Union County Sheriff's Deputy Stephanie Ryan pulled Larson because Larson was unable to keep her vehicle within the driving lane. Larson was found to have warrants for her arrest for the following jurisdictions: Union County, SD; Dakota County, IA; and Plymouth County, NE. Larson admitted to Deputy Ryan that she was self-medicating. Further investigation identified both the possession and or the abuse of Morphine; Methamphetamine; Methadone; and Alprazolam.