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### Press Release - For Immediate Release

Elk Point, S.D. – State's Attorney Jerry A. Miller said today that Melvin Schmid, a 20 year old man from Randal, MN plead guilty on November 28, 2011 to the following charges:

- Possession of Marijuana, a class 6 felony; and
- Ingestion, a class 1 misdemeanor.

Schmid was sentenced on February 6, 2012. Schmid received a suspended imposition of sentence on both charges. On the charge of possession of marijuana, the court placed Schmid on three (3) years of supervised probation. Additionally, Schmid received a thirty (30) day sentence to the Union County Jail and a five-hundred dollar (\$500) fine.

On the charge of Ingestion, the court fined Schmid an additional four-hundred (\$400) dollar fine.

This case was investigated by Deputy Dustin Sharkey of the Union County Sheriff's Office. On June 14, 2011 Deputy Sharkey observed a vehicle at mile marker 1.5 on Interstate 29 traveling over the posted speed limit at 2:49 a.m. The vehicle had a strong smell of raw marijuana. Deputy Sharkey seized 4.44 ounces of marijuana and 10 potted marijuana plants from the vehicle which belonged to Schmid and the passenger, Jacob Dempsey.