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### Press Release - For Immediate Release

Elk Point, S.D. – State's Attorney Jerry A. Miller said today that Eddie Meza, a 32 year old man from Sioux City, IA plead guilty on August 13, 2012 to one count of 3<sup>rd</sup> offense Driving Under the Influence, a class 6 felony. Meza was sentenced on August 13, 2012, following the sentencing arguments by the State and the Defense. Meza received a sentence of two (2) years in the South Dakota State Penitentiary with six (6) months suspended. Meza was ordered to pay his financial obligation as well as other court conditions that he must comply with in order to keep the six (6) months that were suspended from being imposed.

This case was investigated by North Sioux City police officer Eric Fay. On April 11, 2012 at 6:02 am., Officer Fay conducted a traffic stop the vehicle driven by Meza for a lane driving violation. Upon making contact with Meza, it became obvious to Officer Fay that Meza had been drinking. Neither Meza nor his passenger had possession of a valid driver's license. Following a Driving Under the Influence investigation, Meza was arrested and processed. Meza's blood alcohol content was .107%. By South Dakota statute, a driver with more than .08% of blood alcohol content is PRESUMED to be under the influence and too intoxicated to drive a motor vehicle.