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Elk Point, S.D. – State's Attorney Jerry A. Miller said today that Renie L. Simpson, a 43 year old Sioux City, IA resident was sentenced on December 17, 2012 on one count of ingestion of controlled substance (Synthetic Marijuana), a class one misdemeanor. Simpson ordered to pay her court costs of eighty-four dollars; a fine of one hundred and seventy dollars. Simpson received a lower fine as the court gave her credit for three days Simpson spent in jail prior to this final disposition of her case. Simpson was ordered to pay Prosecution Costs of three hundred and twenty dollars and eighty-nine cents; and Court Appointed Attorney Fees by 5:00 p.m. on December 17, 2012 to avoid more jail time.

Governor Daugaard signed an emergency bill into law making many forms of K2 a felony to possess on February 23, 2012. Following the new law, the DEA Tri-State Drug Task Force conducted a controlled purchase of synthetic marijuana from the retail store in North Sioux City, known as Mr. Yucks. On March 5, 2012 while the North Sioux City Police Department was assisting the DEA in the execution of one of three search warrants that the DEA was executing on that day involving Gregory Enright, the lease holder of a retail store in North Sioux City known as Mr. Yucks (a head shop) that was being used to sell various flavors and brands of K2. Simpson was a customer who entered the retail establishment on March 5, 2012 during the time frame when law enforcement was executing the search warrant. Simpson admitted that she had recently used K2 and provided a urine sample for testing. That urine sample was positive for controlled substances identified as synthetic marijuana, which is a schedule one drug having no medical benefit at all and deemed to be highly addictive.