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Press Release - For Immediate Release

Elk Point, S.D. – State's Attorney Jerry A. Miller said today that Tanner Akland, a 19 year old Beresford, SD resident, was sentenced on March 12, 2012 on one count of possession of controlled substance (Methamphetamine), a class 4 felony. Akland received a suspended five year sentence to the state penitentiary and five years of supervised probation. Akland was sentenced to one-hundred and twenty days in the Union County Jail and the court suspended thirty of those days if Akland obtains his court ordered evaluations.

Tanner Akland was sentenced on March 12, 2012 on one count of driving while under the influence (1st offense). Akland received a fine of four-hundred dollars; and his driver's license was suspended for thirty days.

This case was investigated by Beresford City Officer Michael Schurch. On November 20, 2011 Officer Schurch observed Akland driving a motor vehicle. Officer Schurch confirmed with dispatch that Akland was driving on a suspended license. Following a traffic stop of Akland's vehicle, Officer Schurch detected the odor of marijuana coming from both Akland and his vehicle. Akland was asked to perform field sobriety tests, which Akland failed. A urine test confirmed Officer Schurch's findings that Akland was driving under the influence. Akland tested positive for the following: Methamphetamine; Amphetamine; Oxycodone; and Marijuana (THC).