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Elk Point, S.D. – State's Attorney Jerry A. Miller announced today that Tonja Nowlen, age 33, a Sioux City, IA resident originally plead guilty on September 12, 2011 in the 1st Circuit Court to one count of Possession of a Controlled Substance (Methamphetamine), a class four felony. Nowlen was be sentenced on October 24, 2011 to a suspended five year sentence to the state penitentiary with five years of supervised probation. Nowlen was also ordered to serve forty-five days in the Union County Jail. Nowlen was fined five hundred dollars on this felony offense.

Nowlen admitted to regular use of methamphetamine and marijuana during the same time that she was ordered to abstain from all use of illegal and controlled drugs and successfully work a treatment program with Jackson Recovery Services. On August 6, 2012, Nowlen was sentenced on her first probation violation in which the court restarted Nowlen's probation. The court re-imposed a suspended five year sentence to the state penitentiary with five years of supervised probation. Nowlen was ordered back into treatment and a halfway house program.

Nowlen has been convicted of two separate felony offenses.