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Elk Point, S.D. – State's Attorney Jerry A. Miller said today that Warren K. Wood, a 35 year old man from North Sioux City, SD plead guilty on November 28, 2011 to one count of Hit and Run Accident Resulting in an Injury, a class 6 felony. Wood was sentenced on January 30, 2012. Wood received a sentence of one-hundred and eighty days in the Union County Jail with ninety days suspended. Additionally, Wood was sentenced to pay a five-hundred dollar (\$500) fine.

This case was investigated by the North Sioux City Police Department, the Union County Sheriff's Department, and the South Dakota Highway Patrol. On August 25, 2011 law enforcement was called to the overpass in North Sioux City at North Shore Drive at exit 4 of Interstate 29. The victim, Mandy Rogers, a North Sioux City resident was riding her bike on the shoulder of the road when Wood struck Rogers with the vehicle he was driving. Wood fled the scene leaving Rogers unattended. Wood was interviewed by officer Don Eagleman of the North Sioux City Police Department. Wood first denied his involvement in the accident. Witnesses to the accident positively identified Wood as the driver and sole occupant of the vehicle that struck Rogers. Wood eventually confessed to his actions and reported that he did not see Rogers riding her bike on the side of the road due to the blinding effect of the setting sun at the time of the accident. Wood fled the scene because he was scared and because he was driving while his license was suspended.