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Elk Point, S.D. State's Attorney Jerry A. Miller announced today that Kevin Farmer, a 50 year old Agency Village, SD resident was sentenced on September 23, 2013 to one felony count of Possession of a Schedule I or II Controlled Substance (Methamphetamine), a class 5 felony. This charge was enhanced to a class 4 felony because the State filed a Part II Habitual offender based upon the fact that the Defendant had been previously convicted of a felony. Farmer was arrested by South Dakota Highway Patrolman, Brandon Hansen. Farmer was driving southbound on interstate 29 near milepost 18. Farmer consented to the search of his vehicle. Trooper Hansen found a clear plastic bag with methamphetamine inside Hansen's wallet. Trooper Hansen also found a marijuana joint in Farmer's sock. Trooper Hansen also wrote a search warrant to obtain a sample of Farmer's urine because he refused to provide a sample freely. Farmer was found to have 14,000 nanograms of methamphetamine and 1,800 nanograms of amphetamine which is the metabolite for methamphetamine along with 43 nanograms of marijuana.

On September 23, 2013, the Court sentenced Kevin Farmer to a suspended 10 year sentence to the South Dakota State Penitentiary with 5 years of supervised probation. Farmer was also sentenced to spend 120 days incarcerated in the Union County Jail with 86 days suspended on the condition that Farmer is accepted into the Rosebud Sioux Treatment Center. Farmer must also pay his court costs, prosecution costs, and repay Union County for providing him a court-appointed attorney. This is Farmer's second felony conviction.