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## Press Release - For Immediate Release

Defendant's Name: Benjamin Hunt  
Age: 23  
City and State of residence: South Sioux City, NE  
Criminal File Number: 12-188  
Original Convicted of: Possession of Controlled Substance (Synthetic Marijuana), (F4) 22-42-5  
Probation Violation: Violated Probation by drinking alcohol; and not making any payments on his financial obligations.  
Date of Re-Sentence: February 10, 2014  
Arresting Officer / Agency: Sioux City Police Department

### Case Synopsis:

On March 5, 2012 while the Union County Sheriff's Office 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 rural residence (small farm stead) that was being used to manufacture K2 in the rural Elk Point, SD area. Hunt was an employee and associate of Gregory Enright, who was assisting in the manufacturing, weighing and bagging of the K2 product at this rural residence. Hunt also admitted that he had recently used K2 and provided a urine sample for testing. That urine sample was positive for a controlled substance which is known as synthetic marijuana, a schedule 1 drug having no medical benefit at all and deemed to be highly addictive. Hunt was provided with K2 as part of his association and employment with Enright. Governor Daugaard signed an emergency bill into law making many forms of K2 a felony to possess on February 23, 2012.

On December 23, 2013, Benjamin Hunt was cited by the Sioux City Police Department for consuming alcohol and causing a domestic disturbance. Hunt's preliminary breath test registered .127%. Hunt's probation officer decided that Hunt's actions warranted a violation back to his home jurisdiction instead of the probationary sanctions that were available to the court service's officer. The violation then indicated that Hunt has made no attempt to pay his financial obligations. This is Hunt's second probation violation on this file since being convicted.

### Sentencing Synopsis:

On the charge of Possession of a Controlled Substance, a class four felony, the Court granted Hunt a seven year suspended execution of sentence and placed Hunt on supervised probation for four years. The Court further ordered that Hunt must pay all of the previously ordered financial obligations as well as the new court-appointed attorney fees.

### Criminal History Synopsis:

This is Benjamin Hunt's second probation violation on this felony charge and Hunt has two felony convictions on his record.