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## **Yankton man indicted by a federal grand jury for Theft of Mail by Postal Service Employee**

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Sioux Falls, SD

US Attorney Brendan V. Johnson announced that a Yankton, South Dakota, man has been indicted by a federal grand jury for Theft of Mail by Postal Service Employee. Brandon G. Novak, age 42, was indicted by a federal grand jury on February 2, 2010, for Theft of Mail by Postal Service Employee. He appeared before US Magistrate Judge John E. Simko on February 12, 2010, and pled not guilty to the indictment. The maximum penalty upon conviction is 5 years imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine. The charge is merely an accusation, and Novak is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty. The investigation is being conducted by United States Postal Service Office of Inspector General. Assistant US Attorney Dennis R. Holmes is prosecuting the case. Novak was released on bond pending trial. A trial date has not yet been set. # #