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## **Two Ramsey County Sheriff's Office employees sentenced on theft, civil rights conspiracy charges**

Two Ramsey County Sheriff's Office employees were sentenced today in federal court for stealing money while executing a search warrant.

On Feb. 6 in St. Paul, United States District Court Judge Patrick Schiltz sentenced Timothy Conrad Rehak, 48, Ramsey, to 35 months in prison and two years supervised release, and Mark Paul Naylor, 48, Ramsey, to 30 months in prison and two years supervised release. Both men were also ordered to pay a \$7,500 fine.

Both men were found guilty by a jury in August on one count of theft of government funds and one count of conspiracy to violate the civil rights of inhabitants of the State of Minnesota. The two were indicted in March 2008.

"As employees of the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office, Timothy Rehak and Mark Naylor committed theft and conspired to violate the civil rights of inhabitants of the State of Minnesota, and today they have been held accountable for their crimes," said U.S. Attorney Frank J. Magill. "The faith and trust citizens place in those involved in law enforcement is shaken every time an individual corrupts the legal and constitutional workings of that process. The prison sentences imposed today are well deserved for these two defendants who went from enforcing the law to breaking the law.

"The U.S. Attorney's Office and the FBI will continue to work hard in the pursuit of corruption at all levels of government, including those involved in law enforcement who cross the line," Magill added. "I want to thank Assistant United States Attorneys John Marti and Joe Dixon and FBI agents Timothy Bisswurm and Eileen Rice for their diligent work in this investigation and prosecution."

Rehak was a St. Paul Police Officer assigned to the sheriff's office's Special Investigations Unit, and Naylor was the office's public information officer at the time of the offenses charged in the indictment. Although not a licensed peace officer, Naylor often engaged in the duties of a

peace officer with the Special Investigations Unit.

In November, Rehak and Naylon became the focus of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, which conducted several integrity tests on the two men. The first test, conducted on Nov. 3, 2004, occurred at the Best Western Kelly Inn in St. Paul.

Rehak learned that a drug trafficker had left drugs and cash in a hotel room, so Rehak and Naylon first attempted to enter the room without a search warrant. The two officers eventually obtained a search warrant, and executed it at approximately 3:30 p.m. along with a supervisor for the Special Investigations Unit.

While the supervisor was searching the bathroom, Rehak located a bag inside the dresser, which contained \$13,500. Naylon motioned for Rehak to give him some of the currency, and Rehak gave Naylon \$6,000, which Naylon placed in his jacket pocket.

The two men alerted the supervisor that they had discovered the bag, and removed the remaining \$7,500 from the bag. The \$7,500 was placed into evidence, and Rehak and Naylon failed to inform the supervisor of the additional \$6,000.

The room was also searched by a canine officer, who sniffed the \$7,500 for the odor of narcotics. The entire search of the hotel room was recorded by the FBI, and the videotape was presented to the jury.

Rehak and Naylon became suspicious about the situation because no narcotics were left in the hotel as they were originally told.

Concerned that the hotel room was a law enforcement integrity test, the defendants called the supervisor at his residence and told him that an additional \$6,000 had been recovered in the mattress in the hotel room. They gave the supervisor the cash the next day, and it was properly inventoried.

This case was the result of an investigation by the FBI, and was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Marti and Dixon.