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## **Sartell woman indicted for theft of mail**

A former United States Postal Service employee was indicted this week in federal court for stealing mail.

On Oct. 6 in Minneapolis, Tammie J. Desomma, 49, Sartell, was charged with three counts of theft of mail. Desomma's indictment alleges that she embezzled and stole mail entrusted to her that contained gift cards for Coburn's and Target, and a check.

If convicted, Desomma faces a potential maximum penalty of five years in prison on each count. All sentences are determined by a federal district court judge. This case is the result of an investigation by the U.S. Postal Service-Office of Inspector General, and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Carol M. Kayser.

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An indictment is a determination by a grand jury that there is probable cause to believe that offenses have been committed by a defendant. A defendant, of course, is presumed innocent until he or she pleads guilty or is proven guilty at trial.