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## **MAN ARRESTED FOR SALE OF COUNTERFEIT STAMPS**

BUFFALO, N.Y.-- Inspectors from the United States Postal Inspection Service and Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigative Division arrested Icarus Dakota Ferris, 31, of Orchard Park, NY, on charges of possessing and selling counterfeit United States Postage. The arraignment will take place on Friday, July 31, 2009, before Hon. Hugh . Scott, United States Magistrate Judge , announced Acting U.S. Attorney Kathleen M. Mehlretter of the Western District of New York. The charge carries a maximum penalty of 5 years imprisonment, a fine of \$250,000, or both.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Gretchen L. Wylegala stated that the criminal complaint alleges that the defendant offered discounted United States Postage for sale over the internet. Stamps sold by Ferris and received by the Postal Service have been determined to be counterfeit. According to information contained in the complaint, over a one month period of time, Ferris sold counterfeit stamps valued at \$43,000. The investigation continues.

The complaint was brought as a result of an investigation on the part of Inspectors of the United States Postal Inspection Service, under the direction of Inspector in Charge, Randy Miskanic and Special Agents of the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigative Division, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge, Patricia J. Haynes. The case will be handled by U.S. Attorney Gretchen L. Wylegala.

The fact that a defendant has been charged with a crime is merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.