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Blaine man pleads guilty to importing more than 80 grams of heroin

Earlier today in federal court in Minneapolis, a 48-year-old Blaine man pleaded guilty to importing between 80 and 100 grams of heroin from Pakistan into the United States between July 1 and August 19, 2010. Steven Robert Schilling specifically pleaded guilty to one count of importation of a controlled substance. Schilling, who was charged on March 18, 2011, entered his plea before U.S. District Court Judge Joan N. Ericksen. In his plea agreement, Schilling admitted importing at least 80 but less than 100 grams of heroin.

For his crime, Schilling faces a potential maximum penalty of 20 years in prison. Judge Ericksen will determine his sentence at a future hearing, yet to be scheduled.

This case is the result of an investigation by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration-Criminal Investigation Division and the Blaine Police Department. It is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Andrew R. Winter.

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