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Deer Creek man sought by authorities for stealing another man's identity *He's armed and considered dangerous*

MINNEAPOLIS – Law enforcement officials are on the hunt for a 56-year-old Deer Creek man who is believed to be armed and dangerous. Frank Chester Brown is wanted by authorities for allegedly using the identity of another person when applying for a passport. The federal criminal complaint, which was originally filed under seal on May 25, 2011, charges Brown with one count of aggravated identity theft. The complaint was unsealed on June 21, 2011.

According to a law enforcement affidavit filed in the case, Brown submitted an application for a United States passport in Otter Tail County on June 29, 2004. In that application, he identified himself as someone else. In support of his application, he presented an expired passport with the same false name. Authorities became suspicious of his application after the victim of his crime applied for a passport on May 3, 2010.

Brown was last seen by authorities on May 19, 2011. He is described as a white man; six feet, two inches tall; and about 210 pounds. He was driving a white Ford pickup with a contractor's topper on it. The truck was pulling a camper. If you have any information regarding Brown's whereabouts, contact Bill Klug, of the U.S. Marshals Service, at (701) 793-9477.

If convicted, Brown faces a mandatory minimum penalty of two years in prison. All sentences will be determined by a federal district court judge. This case is the result of an investigation by the U.S. State Department-Diplomatic Security Service, the Social Security Administration-Office of Inspector General, the Henning Police Department, the Otter Tail County Sheriff's Office, and the Richland County, North Dakota Sheriff's Office. It is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Lola Velazquez-Aguilu, who indicated that the

investigation into this matter continues.

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A defendant, of course, is presumed innocent until he or she pleads guilty or is proven guilty at trial.