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### **Prior Lake man pleads guilty to manufacturing false postage stamps**

MINNEAPOLIS – Earlier today in federal court in St. Paul, a 31-year-old Prior Lake man pleaded guilty to manufacturing counterfeit postage meter stamps. Andre George Mehilove pleaded guilty to one count of counterfeiting postage stamps. Mehilove, who was indicted on July 6, 2011, entered his plea before United States District Court Judge Richard H. Kyle.

In his plea agreement, Mehilove admitted that from August of 2006 through April 3, 2009, he created counterfeit postage meter stamps using his personal computer and printer. The stamps were copies of postage meter stamps he had purchased online. In addition, Mehilove admitted that he used those counterfeit stamps to mail items, and also admitted he sold those counterfeit stamps online. On April 3, 2009, during an executed search warrant at Mehilove's residence and place of employment, authorities seized various computers, items with counterfeit postage, PayPal identity devices and online postage labels.

For his crime, Mehilove faces a potential maximum penalty of five years in prison. Judge Kyle 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 and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement-Homeland Security Investigations. It is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Laura M. Provinzino.

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