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NEWS RELEASE

United States Attorney Patrick L. Meehan today announced the filing of an Indictment¹ against defendant James Meads, a/k/a “Mark Pril,” “Mark Ball,” “Sebastian Ruetzel,” and “John Vestal,” for possessing a counterfeit security, forging a passport, transferring fraudulent identification, aggravated identity theft, and destruction of physical evidence in a federal investigation.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE
James Meads		31

If convicted, defendant faces a consecutive two-year mandatory minimum term of imprisonment to any sentence imposed.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Department of State Diplomatic Security Service and has been assigned to Assistant United States Attorney Jennifer J. Chun.

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