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## **New Mexico Man Charged in Passport Fraud Investigation**

DES MOINES, IA – United States Attorney Nicholas A. Klinefeldt announced that a grand jury sitting in the Southern District of Iowa returned an indictment charging Neil Stammer of Albuquerque, New Mexico, with passport fraud in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1542 and aggravated identity theft in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1028A(a)(1). Stammer is currently in custody on pending charges in Albuquerque and is not expected to make his initial appearance in the Southern District of Iowa until the conclusion of the pending charges in New Mexico. Stammer faces a potential sentence of up to ten (10) years imprisonment and/or a \$250,000 fine if convicted of passport fraud, and a consecutive term of imprisonment of two (2) years if convicted of aggravated identity theft.

The investigation was led by the Diplomatic Security Service.

In accordance with the Iowa Rules of Professional Conduct, the public is reminded that an indictment and a complaint are merely accusations, and that the defendants are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty. Additionally, because this matter is pending in the United States District Court, the United States Attorney's Office does not anticipate making any further comment or statement at this time.

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