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Sioux Falls Man Pleads Guilty to Unauthorized Access to a Government Computer

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Acting United States Attorney Michelle G. Tapken announced that Arlin J. Vande Kamp, age 33, of Sioux Falls, SD, appeared before United States Magistrate John E. Simko in Sioux Falls on April 8, 2005, and pled guilty to an Information which charged him with unauthorized access to a government computer. The maximum penalty upon conviction is one year in prison and/or a \$100,000 fine.

The charge relates to a July 2003 incident when Vande Kamp, who was an electrical technician with the United States Postal Service, gained access to a restricted computer at the Sioux Falls Distribution Center and attempted to load password-cracking software onto the Postal Service's system. The intrusion was detected by Postal Service systems administrators, who prevented full access from being obtained.

The investigation was conducted by the United States Postal Service - Office of Inspector General, and the case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Dennis R. Holmes.

A presentence investigation was ordered and a sentencing date was set

for June 13, 2005. The defendant was released on his own recognizance pending sentencing.

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