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Four indicted for conspiring to transport stolen goods

A federal indictment charging four Minnesotans in connection to a stolen goods racket was unsealed earlier this afternoon. The indictment, originally filed last week, charges William John Terry, age 60, of Stacy; his brother, Mark Jerome Terry, age 53, of St. Paul; Rachel Lynn Miller, age 38, of Roseville; and Daniel Adolph LaBarre, age 50, of St. Paul, with one count of conspiracy to transport stolen property and one count of conspiracy to commit mail fraud. The indictment was unsealed following William Terry's initial appearance in federal court a short time ago.

The indictment alleges that from August of 2002 through November 21, 2007, the defendants stole merchandise from retail businesses in Minnesota and elsewhere, transporting it to others in Minnesota, who then sold it on the Internet. The merchandise was purportedly delivered through the United States Postal Service and private commercial carriers. In furtherance of the conspiracy, the co-conspirators conducted specific overt acts:

* William and Mark Terry allegedly traveled to a Waseca store on May 21, 2006 with plans to steal merchandise;

* Miller allegedly presented stolen merchandise for sale on February 19, 2007, at a Woodbury business; and

* Miller and LaBarre allegedly presented stolen merchandise for sale on May 2, 2007, at a Woodbury business.

If convicted, the defendants face a potential maximum penalty of 20 years in prison on the conspiracy to commit mail fraud charge and five years on the conspiracy to transport stolen property charge. All sentences will be determined by a federal district court judge.

This case is the result of an investigation by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service and the Woodbury Police Department. It is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert M. Lewis.

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An indictment is a determination by a grand jury that there is probable cause to believe that offenses have been committed by a defendant. A defendant, of course, is presumed innocent until he or she pleads guilty or is proven guilty at trial.