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ROSHOLT MAN SENTENCED TO PROBATION FOR THEFT OF GOVERNMENT FUNDS

Madison, Wis. - Stephen P. Sinnott, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Jerome Kontney, 69, Rosholt, Wis., was sentenced yesterday by U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to a two-year term of probation for theft of government funds. Kontney pleaded guilty to this charge on April 8, 2010.

From March 10, 2005, to November 2005, Kontney was receiving disability benefits from the Railroad Retirement Board. As a condition of receiving those benefits, Kontney was not allowed to earn more than \$4,800 a year without notifying the retirement board. Kontney operated a salvage yard during that time period and earned more money than was allowed, while he still collected benefits. As a result, Kontney stole approximately \$56,000 from the Railroad Retirement Board and he was ordered to pay restitution.

The charge against Kontney was the result of an investigation conducted by the Railroad Retirement Board. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rita M. Rumbelow.

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