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JURY CONVICTS MAN OF RACKETEERING

A Denver jury has convicted a man accused of forging checks and identification to steal tens of thousands of dollars from the U.S. Postal Service.

Michael Dipentino (dob: 04-04-71) was found guilty of racketeering and 34 other felony counts including theft and computer crime.

Dipentino and a group of people in a criminal enterprise that created phony checks they used to buy large amounts of postage stamps, which were then sold, traded or pawned for money. It is estimated Dipentino stole nearly \$200,000 from the U. S. Postal Service over a 22-month period beginning in early 2003.

Dipentino will be sentenced on February 9, 2007 at 1:30 p.m. in Denver District Courtroom 21. He faces a minimum of 96 years up to hundreds of years in prison.

Two other co-defendants pleaded guilty earlier and are serving lengthy sentences in Community Corrections.