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### **Hutchinson County Man Sentenced for Grand Theft by Deception**

**PIERRE, S.D.** – Attorney General Marty Jackley announced today that Stephan Nicholas McCrae, 50, Menno, was sentenced in Circuit Court, Fall River County, to 4 years in the South Dakota State Penitentiary on one count of grand theft by deception. McCrae was also ordered to pay \$10,082.26 in restitution to multiple victims across the state.

Charges stemmed from a multi-state scheme where McCrae made fraudulent contracts with consumers to build fences, taking thousands of dollars in down payments for services he did not have the intention of performing. McCrae was also convicted in Missouri, Iowa, and Minnesota of similar charges in connection with this scheme. This is McCrae's ninth lifetime felony conviction.

This case was investigated and prosecuted by the Attorney General's Office, the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division and assisted by South Dakota Attorney General's Elder Abuse and Financial Exploitation Subdivision