



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Four Kingsbury County Individuals Indicted on Charges Related to Failure to Pay for Grain Delivery**

**PIERRE, S.D.** – Attorney General Marty Jackley and Kingsbury County States Attorney Gregg Gass announced today that a Kingsbury County Grand Jury has indicted four owners, officers or managers of H & I Grain of Hetland, Inc. for felonies relating to the H & I's alleged failure to pay for grain delivered to their elevators by local farmers.

#### **Duane Jens Steffensen, 67, Hetland**

- one count of conspiracy to fail to notify the Public Utilities Commission of H & I Grain of Hetland Inc.'s financial status, causing financial harm to a grain supplier, class 6 felony, punishable by up to one year in the state penitentiary and/or \$2,000 fine
- fifteen counts of failure to notify the Public Utilities Commission of H & I Grain of Hetland Inc.'s Financial Status, causing financial harm to grain supplier, class 6 felony, punishable by up to two years in the state penitentiary and/or \$4,000 fine
- one count of theft by deception, class 2 felony, punishable by up to 25 years in the state penitentiary and/or \$50,000 fine
- one count of theft by deception, class 3 felony, punishable by up to 15 years in the state penitentiary and/or \$30,000 fine
- one count of theft by deception, class 4 felony, punishable by up to 10 years in the state penitentiary and/or \$20,000 fine

#### **JoAnn Marie Steffensen, 66, Hetland**

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- fifteen counts of failure to notify the Public Utilities Commission of H & I Grain of Hetland Inc.'s Financial Status, causing financial harm to grain supplier, class 6 felony, punishable by up to two years in the state penitentiary and/or \$4,000 fine

**Jared Duane Steffensen, 37, Arlington**

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**Tami Faye Steffensen, 34, Arlington**

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All defendants are presumed innocent until such time as proven guilty.

Initial Appearance dates for defendants has not yet been set.