

BIA employees charged with theft of federal property

Two former Bureau of Indian Affairs employees have been charged with multiple counts of theft of government property by a federal grand jury in Anchorage.

Michael R. Spaan, United States attorney for the District of Alaska announced that, based on an extensive F.B.I. investigation, Paul N. Swenning, Sr., 49, of Anchorage, and Riley Meganack, age 44 of Port Graham, have been charged in the federal grand jury indictment with conspiracy to steal government property, theft of government property, and theft of government services.

Swenning, while working as

a BIA road crew foreman at English Bay, and Meganack, while working as a BIA mechanic, are charged with using their positions to obtain valuable items from the United States government for their own personal use.

Summons have been issued ordering them to appear in the United States District Court in Anchorage to answer the charges.

If convicted of all counts, Swenning could receive a maximum sentence of 61 years and/or a fine of \$61,000. If convicted of all counts, Meganack could receive a maximum sentence of 33 years and/or a fine of \$33,000.