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5 indicted in contraband 'conspiracy'

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South Dakota Attorney General Marty Jackley says the state stopped a "conspiracy" to distribute drugs and other contraband items into the state's largest prison.

Five people, including one former state correctional officer and two current inmates, have been indicted for allegedly transporting drugs into the South Dakota State Penitentiary.

Jackley announced the indictments

during a Sept. 18 press conference at the Denny Sanford Premier Center. All five defendants were indicted Sept. 17 by a Minnehaha County grand jury.

"Transporting illegal items into the prison makes the facility less safe for staff and inmates," Jackley said. "We will not tolerate such activity and thank you to the Department of Corrections for its cooperation with the investigation."

The five people indicted were: Carson DeYoung, 22, Sioux Falls, former South Dakota Department of Corrections correctional officer; Max Bolden, 42, and Simba Oma Maat, 25, both current South Dakota Penitentiary inmates; Nancy Sage, 52, Sioux Falls, and Chandler Boone, 31, Denver, Colorado.

All five were indicted on:

- One felony count of conspiracy to distribute a controlled substance, methamphetamine;
- one felony count of conspiracy to commit distribution of a synthetic cannabinoids, K2, a designer drug intended to mimic the effects of marijuana;
- one felony count of conspiracy to deliver unauthorized article, a cell phone, to an inmate;

• and one misdemeanor count of conspiracy to deliver unauthorized article, a vape pen, to an inmate.

If found guilty, the five charged could face up to 21 years in prison and a \$42,000 fine. For inmates Bolden and Maat, their maximum sentence would be doubled on all four charges.

DeYoung was also charged with one felony count of possession of unauthorized article, an anabolic steroid, with intent to deliver to an inmate; and one felony count of possession of controlled

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2 SD buildings ranked among 'ugliest' in U.S.

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It's probably fair to say that South Dakota is known more for its natural landscapes than its city skylines.

However, that didn't prevent two buildings on opposite ends of the state from being included on a list of the 100 "ugliest" public buildings in the country.

The list was compiled using the results of a survey of more than 3,000 people by the New Jersey Real Estate Network. More than half of the top 30 entries are courthouses and judicial centers, but libraries, auditoriums and city halls made appearances too.

"These aren't tourist sites or architectural darlings. They're everyday buildings people interact with when paying a bill, contesting a fine or renewing a license," the network said in its

rankings. "They're workhorses, not showpieces. But as this survey makes clear, design still matters to residents."

Here are the two buildings in South Dakota that made the list.

Pennington County Administration Building in Rapid City

The Pennington County Administration Building in Rapid City is ranked 57th on the list. It has provided residents of the state's second-most-populous county with a range of services for about a decade since county departments moved from the courthouse in 2014, the Rapid City Journal reported.

In late October and early November, many county departments are expected to move to a new administration building elsewhere in Rapid City.

Denny Sanford Premier Center in Sioux Falls

The Denny Sanford Premier Center in Sioux Falls is ranked 93rd on the list. The 12,000-seat entertainment venue opened in 2014 as the largest publicly funded project in Sioux Falls history, with a price tag of \$117 million.

A few months before it opened, exterior panels began to bulge and cause a ripple effect on the outside of the curved building. The city later announced a \$1 million settlement with its contractors, who agreed to replace some of the affected panels. In 2017, the South Dakota Supreme Court ordered the city to release a contract it negotiated for those repairs in a court decision prompted by an Argus Leader lawsuit.

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Kimmel's suspension worries advocates

Government involvement raises concerns about First Amendment rights

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ABC pulled comedian Jimmy Kimmel's late-night show following veiled threats from the Federal Communications Commission and now President Donald Trump has called on the FCC to revoke the broadcast licenses of stations that criticize him.

Both moves mark escalations by government officials in stifling free speech since the killing of conservative activist Charlie Kirk, First Amendment advocates warn.

Before Trump's remarks Sept. 18, free speech advocates had already criticized Kimmel's suspension and, in particular, FCC Chair Brendan Carr's role. ABC announced the "indefinite" suspension of Kimmel and his show hours after Carr called for it on a right-wing podcast.

"That's a very vivid example to the public of government pressure on private speakers to suppress speech," Adam Steinbaugh, an attorney at the Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression, said about Carr's comments that ABC could "do it the easy way or the hard way."

Trump defended Carr's statements and went further when asked about them by reporters.

"They're 97% against – they give me only bad publicity or press," Trump claimed about his coverage on TV networks while aboard Air Force One. "I mean, they're getting a license. I would think maybe their license should be taken away. It will be up to Brendan Carr."

Three days earlier, Vice President JD Vance and Trump's deputy chief of staff Stephen Miller said the administration would "go after" left-leaning organizations they say have incited violence.

Those threats, the policing of negative speech about Kirk online, and statements made by Attorney General Pam Bondi regarding prosecuting hate

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