

Spearfish pastor pleads guilty to identity theft

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DEADWOOD — A Spearfish pastor could face up to two years in prison for identity theft.

Whitewood resident Tony Camargo, pastor of Calvary Chapel in Spearfish, pleaded guilty in early April to a charge of identity theft concerning Edna Ernst. Legal documents indicate that in October 2010, Camargo used or obtained identifying information on Ernst without permission and with intent to deceive or defraud. Court records did not identify the specific identifying information that was used.

Identity theft is a Class 6 felony, punishable by up to two years in prison and a \$4,000 fine. Camargo is scheduled to be sentenced by 4th Circuit Judge Warren Johnson at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 24 at the Lawrence County Courthouse.

Camargo declined to comment on the case due to the upcoming court date. His attorney, Matt Kinney, also declined comment.

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