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**Re: Receipt of Empty Parcel Post package from John David Sabow, MD, Rapid City, SD**

To Whom it May Concern:

This statement is a sworn account of my receipt of a parcel post package today from John David Sabow, MD, Rapid City, SD, and my discovery that the package had been rifled and the contents stolen while in the possession of the U.S. Postal Service.

On returning home from a shopping trip to Cherry Hill, NJ, on the morning of November 7, 2011, I noticed a package on the side of my porch. Nothing unusual in this since both the Postal Service and UPS delivered packages this way.

A quick glance showed that the box was a Parcel Post package from John David Sabow, MD, PO Box 5510, Rapid City, SD 57709. I had been expecting a package with a recording device from Dr. Sabow. The only thing that appeared unusual to me was the weight. The package was very light. My first thought that this must be a very high tech device to weigh so little.

My wife was on the computer and I told her that the package from Dr. Sabow has arrived, showed her the box, put away the item I had purchased from the St. Jude shop, had a quick lunch, and looked for my pen knife to open the package.

On opening the box, I discovered that the Voice Recorder, Olympus Foot Switch for PC, and Olympus AS-5000 Transcription Kit were empty. Someone had opened the box and stolen contents while the box was in the possession of the U.S. Postal Service. The Parcel Post postage on the front of the box was a Pitney Bowes stamp for \$9.48 with a mailing date of Nov 3, 2011 from Zip Code 57701. The package was not insured.

I immediately called Dr. Sabow in Rapid City to inform him that someone had rifled the package and stolen the contents. My next call was to the Post Office to ask them, if a U.S. Postal Service Inspector could initiate an investigation. The postal clerk asked that I come to the Somerdale Post Office and speak to the Postmaster. I agreed to do so at the latest opportunity.

An internet price check by me today showed that the missing items are not inexpensive:

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### **DS-5000 Olympus Digital Voice Recorder**



The DS-5000 Olympus Professional Digital Voice Recorder with slide switch for convenient start stop dictation and file encryption. This Olympus dictation machine integrates perfectly with the AS-5000 Transcription kit with headset and digital foot pedal for transcription. The Olympus DS 5000 Digital Voice Recorder replaces Olympus transcribers and dictation machines microcassette to digital format. Olympus dictation machines - simply the best! OLY-141975

**Price: \$449.00**

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### **RS-27 Olympus Foot Pedal**

Olympus replacement foot control

**Price: \$59.49**

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### **E-62 Olympus Transcriber Headset for PC dictation transcription machines**

Olympus E-62 Transcription headset for digital PC transcribing and Olympus

Sincerely,

ROBERT J. O'DOWD