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POSTAL EMPLOYEE PLEADS GUILTY TO STEALING FROM U.S. MAIL

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—Acting United States Attorney Lawrence G. Brown announced today that DEAN EDWARD HUDSON, 29, of Marysville, California pleaded guilty to a single count of theft of mail by a postal employee.

This case is the product of an investigation by the United States Postal Service Office of the Inspector General.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Jean M. Hobler, who is prosecuting the case, HUDSON worked at the United States Postal Service's Marysville Processing and Distribution Facility, and from July 2008 until December 2008, opened greeting cards entrusted to his care and took cash that he found. HUDSON then placed the cards back on the processing line, upside down so that the machine would not jam on the damaged envelope. In the time that HUDSON stole from the mail, he obtained between \$5,000 and \$10,000 in cash.

HUDSON is scheduled to be sentenced by Senior United States District Judge Edward J. Garcia on July 17, 2009. The maximum statutory penalty for the violation is five years in prison, a fine, or both. The actual sentence, however, will be determined at the discretion of the court after consideration of the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, which take into account a number of variables and any applicable statutory sentencing factors.

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