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Johnson County Man Sentenced to Prison for Counterfeiting U.S. Postage Meter Stamps

DES MOINES, IA – On August 28, 2013, David Nelson Chasse, age 43, of North Liberty, Iowa, was sentenced by Senior United States District Robert W. Pratt to four months of prison and six months of home confinement for possession with intent to use, make, print and use about \$59,414 in forged and counterfeited postage meter stamps, announced United States Attorney Nicholas A. Klinefeldt. Judge Pratt also ordered Chasse to serve three years of supervised release following completion of the imprisonment, pay \$59,989.87 in restitution, and to pay \$100 towards the Crime Victims Fund.

Chasse obtained U. S. postage on-line for use in his business: The Birthday Company Incorporated. The United States Postal Inspection Service monitored the postage being used on The Birthday Company's mailings and determined that some of it was counterfeit. On September 16, 2010, a federal search warrant was executed at Chasse's residence where several thousand dollars of counterfeit metered postage stamps were seized. The investigation revealed that Chasse photocopied the sheets of postage and used the counterfeited postage for business mailings.

This case was investigated by the United States Postal Inspection Service, and the case was prosecuted by the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Iowa.

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