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Former postal service employee pleads guilty to stealing mail

A former United States Postal Service (USPS) employee pleaded guilty last week in federal court to stealing mail.

Jana F. Roquet, 37, Felton, pleaded guilty to one count of theft of mail. She entered her plea Nov. 7 in Fergus Falls before United States District Court Judge John Tunheim. Roquet was charged Aug. 11.

According to Roquet's plea agreement, she admitted that on Sept. 13, 2007, while working as a USPS employee, she did steal and embezzle from mail entrusted to her, namely a \$20 money gram, a \$10 Scheel's gift card and two \$10 Target gift cards.

Roquet also admitted that from July 2, 2007, through Sept. 29, she did steal and embezzle from mail entrusted to her as a USPS employee.

Roquet faces a potential maximum penalty of five years in prison. Judge Tunheim will determine her sentence at a future date. This case is the result of an investigation by the U.S. Postal Service-Office of Inspector General, and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Ann M. Anaya.