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## ROCHESTER CITY EMPLOYEE CHARGED WITH MAIL FRAUD

ROCHESTER, N.Y.-- United States Attorney Kathleen M. Mehlretter of the Western District of New York announced that **ROBERT LOVETT**, of Rochester, NY, was charged in a criminal complaint with using the United States Mail to execute a scheme to defraud. A charge of Mail Fraud is punishable by a sentence of 20 years in prison and is also punishable by a fine of up to \$250,000.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Marisa J. Miller, who will handle the trial of the case, stated that the defendant, a Property Conservation Inspector for the City of Rochester, is alleged to have engaged in a scheme to defraud a 95 year old victim, in which the victim was told that she had won \$75,000 and could collect the prize by sending checks, in excess of \$9,000 to the defendant. The defendant then used his City of Rochester employee identification to cash the checks.

The complaint was the culmination of an investigation on the part of Inspectors of the United States Postal Service, under the direction of Acting Inspector in Charge Robert Malaby, Boston Division, and the City of Rochester Office of Public Integrity, under the direction of Director Richard C. Vega.

The defendant will appear before U.S. Magistrate Court Judge Marian W. Payson today at 4 p.m.

The fact that a defendant has been charged with a crime is merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.