

AO 91 (Rev. 01/09) Criminal Complaint

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
for the
District of Rhode Island

United States of America)
v.)
MATTHEW GOLATTO)
D.O.B.: 1985)
RHODE ISLAND)
Defendant

Case No.

1:13 MJ 261 A

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

I, the complainant in this case, state that the following is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

On or about the date of 07/08/2013 in the county of _____ in the _____ Judicial District of
Rhode Island, the defendant violated 18 U. S. C. § 1703a and 1709, an offense described as follows:
(Delay of Mail) and (Theft of Mail)

This criminal complaint is based on these facts:

See attached Affidavit of Special Agent Anthony Matarese, US Postal Service, Office of Inspector General

Continued on the attached sheet.

Anthony Matarese
Complainant's signature

Special Agent Anthony Matarese, USPS/OIG
Printed name and title

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence.

Date: 7/17/13

[Signature]
Judge's signature

City and state: Providence, Rhode Island

LINCOLN D. ALMOND, U.S. MAGISTRATE
Printed name and title

AFFIDAVIT

I, Anthony E. Matarese, state under oath:

1. I am a Special Agent with the United States Postal Service, Office of Inspector General, and my duties include coverage of the District of Rhode Island.
2. I make this Affidavit in support of a criminal complaint charging Matthew Golatto, with a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section, 1703(a) (Delay and Destruction of Mail); and a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1709 (Theft of Mail).
3. On the evening of July 8, 2013, a Postal Service customer driving on Fairview Avenue, Coventry, RI, saw a Postal Service truck bearing the last three numbers of 654 parked on the side of the street, near the woods.
4. The Postal Service customer driving by decided to turn around, and drive to the spot where the Postal Service truck had been, after the truck drove off. When the customer arrived, she found a large quantity of US Mail in the woods, off of Fairview Avenue, and telephoned the Coventry, RI Police. The Coventry police came to the scene, recovered the mail in the woods and turned it over to the Coventry, RI Postmaster.

5. The Postmaster of the Coventry, RI Post Office, Mary Fontaine, told me that Matthew Golatto, a United States Postal Service employee, a letter carrier, drove the Postal Service truck that bore the last three numbers of 654, on July 8, 2013. Postmaster Fontaine told me that the US Mail that was found was addressed to residents along the delivery route on which Matthew Golatto was assigned to deliver mail on July 8, 2013.
6. On July 9, 2013, I and other agents of the Postal Service, Office of Inspector General interviewed Matthew Golatto, who admitted that he threw away US Mail that he was assigned to deliver on the evening of July 8, 2013 in the woods off of Fairview Avenue, Coventry, RI and in the shrubs off of Phillip Street, Coventry, RI. The mail was recovered from the shrubs off Phillip Street by Special Agents of OIG.
7. After the interview of Matthew Golatto, on July 9, 2013, I and other agents searched Matthew Golatto's personal vehicle, parked at the Coventry, RI Post Office.
8. I and other agents recovered more mail from Matthew Golatto's personal vehicle that Matthew Golatto admitted to me that he was going to throw away. Also, I and other agents recovered from the vehicle about fifty-five (55) greeting card envelopes that Matthew Golatto admitted to me that he opened. A number of the greeting cards had been removed from the envelopes and were in the vehicle. In the vehicle were also about thirty-six (36) retail gift cards that Golatto admitted that he had taken from the mail. OIG agents found in the car a parcel that was

torn open that contained medicine mailed from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to a United States veteran living in Coventry, RI.

9. I determined that the parcel containing medicine for the United States veteran living in Coventry, RI had been listed on the Postal Service Track and Confirm system as having been delivered on July 3, 2013.

10. I conducted a second interview of Matthew Golatto. Special Agent Jason Kravetz of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs participated. Matthew Golatto admitted to us that he opened the package containing medicine that was assigned to him for delivery to a United States veteran living in Coventry, RI.



ANTHONY E. MATARESE, SPECIAL AGENT
United States Postal Service
Office of Inspector General

Sworn to before me this 17th day of July, 2013.



Honorable Lincoln D. Almond
United States Magistrate Judge