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## **MAIL CARRIER PLEADS GUILTY TO DISCLOSING CONFIDENTIAL GOVERNMENTAL INFORMATION**

ATLANTA, GA - RANDALL T. SMITH, 53, of Fayetteville, Georgia, has been charged with disclosing confidential information, relating to a federal investigation, and pleaded guilty to the charge today before a United States Magistrate Judge.

Sally Quillian Yates, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia, said, "This mail carrier revealed the existence of a federal investigation to an unauthorized individual, and provided details of how the agents were acquiring evidence in the case. This type of leak and abuse of position is not acceptable and he now has a federal criminal record."

"The U.S. Postal Inspection Service aggressively investigates cases involving the misuse of the U.S. mail system by criminals. This defendant attempted to get in the way of our mission to protect the nations' mail system. He was entrusted as a postal employee with sensitive information and chose the wrong side," said Martin D. Phanco, Postal Inspector in Charge Atlanta Division.

According to United States Attorney Yates, the charges and other information presented in court: In June 2008, SMITH was employed as a mail carrier with the United States Postal Service in East Point, Georgia. In that position and during an active federal criminal investigation, SMITH disclosed sensitive and confidential information to the occupant of a residence which was the target of the investigation.

SMITH, who was charged in a Criminal Information, pleaded guilty to one misdemeanor count of disclosing confidential information. He could receive a maximum sentence of one year in prison and a fine of up to \$100,000. In determining the actual sentence, the Court will consider the United States Sentencing Guidelines, which are not binding but provide appropriate sentencing ranges for most offenders.

A sentencing date has not yet been set before United States Magistrate Judge E. Clayton Scofield III, but is expected to be scheduled sometime in January, 2011.

This case is being investigated by Postal Inspectors from the United States Postal Inspection Service.

Assistant United States Attorney Jeffrey W. Davis is prosecuting the case.

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