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DAVIS JUNCTION MAN SENTENCED TO TWO YEARS OF PROBATION FOR DESTROYING U.S. MAIL

ROCKFORD -- PATRICK J. FITZGERALD, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, and L. SCOTT CASPALL, Special Agent-in-Charge of the Great Lakes Area Field Office of the United States Postal Service Office of Inspector General, today made the following announcement:

Today, in Rockford Federal Court, United States Magistrate Judge P. Michael Mahoney sentenced **PHILLIP L. BRECHON**, 60, of David Junction, Illinois, to 2 years of probation, for knowingly and without authority destroying United States mail that was not directed to him.

Brechon pleaded guilty on January 27, 2011. As stated in the plea agreement, Brechon was employed by the United States Postal Service from September 1989 through December 2010, and worked as a Rural Carrier at the Davis Junction, Illinois Post Office. Brechon's responsibilities as a Rural Carrier included delivering bulk rate mail items to postal customers on his route. These bulk rate mail items included advertisement circulars for commercial businesses. In pleading guilty, Brechon admitted that on at least eight occasions between July 10, 2010, and December 2, 2010, he intentionally failed to deliver bulk rate mail items to postal customers on his route and instead took this mail to his personal residence in Oregon, Illinois. Brechon also admitted that he then burned the mail in a pile behind his residence. The bulk rate mailings which Brechon destroyed include advertisement circulars from County Market, OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center, Rent-A-Center, and T-6 Broadband.

In addition to the sentence of two years of probation, Brechon was ordered to pay \$1,924.42 in restitution for mail he destroyed.

The case was investigated by the Great Lakes Area Field Office of the United States Postal Service Office of Inspector General. The case was prosecuted in federal court by Assistant United States Attorney SCOTT A. VERSEMAN.

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