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Former postal employee sentenced for stealing cash and gift cards from mail

MINNEAPOLIS – Earlier today in federal court in St. Paul, a former employee of the United States Postal Service (“USPS”) was sentenced for stealing cash and gift cards from the mail over a ten-month period. United States District Court Judge Donovan W. Frank sentenced Christina M. Steiner, age 36, of Forest Lake, to three months of home confinement, 200 hours of community service, a letter of apology to the U.S. Postal Service and her other victims, and restitution in the amount stolen.

Steiner was indicted on December 7, 2010, and pleaded guilty on March 21, 2011, to one count of theft of mail by a postal employee. She did not enter a plea agreement. The indictment filed against Steiner states that between December of 2009 and September 18, 2010, Steiner stole between \$600 and \$800 in cash and gift cards from the mail entrusted to her as an employee of the Forest Lake Post Office. She resigned from the USPS on April 26, 2011.

This case was the result of an investigation by the USPS-Office of Inspector General. It was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Laura M. Provinzino.

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