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Postal carrier pleads guilty to stealing cash and gift cards from mail

MINNEAPOLIS – Earlier today in federal court, a postal carrier pleaded guilty to stealing cash and gift cards from the mail she delivered. Michelle Lynn Bressette, age 43, of Jordan, pleaded guilty to one count of theft of mail matter. Bressette, who was indicted on March 15, 2011, entered her plea before United States District Court Judge David S. Doty.

In her plea agreement, Bressette admitted that from December of 2009 through October 21, 2010, while employed at the Prior Lake Post Office, she embezzled letters and mail, namely magazines, which were entrusted to her. In addition, she admitted stealing and removing the contents of some letters, cards and other mail, specifically, cash and gift cards.

For her crime, Bressette faces a potential maximum penalty of five years in prison. Judge Doty will determine her sentence at a future hearing, yet to be scheduled. This case is the result of an investigation by the U.S. Postal Service-Office of Inspector General. It is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Deidre Y. Aanstad.

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