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## **Former postal carrier sentenced for stealing cash and gift cards from mail**

MINNEAPOLIS – Earlier today in federal court, a former postal carrier was sentenced for stealing cash and gift cards from the mail she delivered. United States District Court Judge David S. Doty sentenced Michelle Lynn Bressette, age 44, of Jordan, to three years of probation, including 90 days of home confinement on one count of theft of mail matter. In addition, she was also ordered to pay \$2,000 in restitution. Bressette was indicted on March 15, 2011, and pleaded guilty on May 25, 2011.

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.

This case was the result of an investigation by the U.S. Postal Service-Office of Inspector General. It was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Deidre Y. Aanstad.

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