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News Release

United States Attorney Richard S. Hartunian announced today that a North Bay man has entered a plea of guilty to lying to federal agents.

WILLIAM L. TEMPLAR, 38, entered a plea of guilty in federal court in Syracuse on April 11, 2011 to two counts of making false statements to a United States Postal Inspector. TEMPLAR admitted that in July 2009 he was interviewed by a postal inspector who was conducting an investigation involving allegations of the theft of mail from a residence in North Bay. During the interview, TEMPLAR denied receiving proceeds of checks written by the alleged mail theft victim and made payable to friends and acquaintances of TEMPLAR. In fact, TEMPLAR did receive the proceeds of these checks which totaled approximately \$30,059.88.

Chief Judge Norman A. Mordue scheduled sentencing for August 15, 2011 at 10:00 am in Syracuse. TEMPLAR faces a maximum penalty of five years imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine on each count. The case was investigated by the United States Postal Inspection Service and the New York State Police. The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Edward R. Broton.