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News Release

Richard S. Hartunian, United States Attorney for the Northern District of New York, announced today that **PAUL SKALICKY**, age 64, of Plymouth, New York entered a guilty plea in U.S. District Court in Syracuse, New York before the Hon. David E. Peebles, U.S. Magistrate Judge. **SKALICKY**, a former Distribution Clerk with the U.S. Post Office in New York, N.Y., admitted to defrauding the U.S. Postal Service and U.S. Department of Labor of \$20,124.54 by making false statements and representations to obtain federal workers compensation benefits. The offense carries a maximum sentence of 1 year incarceration and a \$100,000 fine.

In entering his guilty plea, **SKALICKY** admitted in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1920, that he falsely represented that a work-related injury to his ankle prevented him from walking and performing daily activities, including any type of duties with the U.S. Postal Service. Based upon those false representations, **SKALICKY** received workers compensation benefits. **SKALICKY** was capable of walking without the use of a cane and overstated the degree of his injury and limitations. **SKALICKY** knew he was under an obligation to report his true medical condition to the U.S.

Department of Labor.

SKALICKY reported in an interview and on an accompanying document that he was unable to walk without the use of a cane, that he did not move too often, and that his overall lifestyle involved almost no activity. Agents from the U.S. Postal Service Office of Inspector General conducted surveillance of **SKALICKY** and recorded him carrying buckets of water and horse feed, lifting bales of hay, chopping ice, climbing a ladder, and running after a horse, among other activities.

Sentencing has been set for February 13, 2012, in Syracuse, New York.

This case was investigated by the U.S. Postal Service Office of Inspector General and the U.S. Department of Labor Office of Inspector General.

Further information regarding this case can be obtained by contacting Assistant United States Attorney Tamara Thomson at (315) 448-0672.

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