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News Release

Richard S. Hartunian, United States Attorney for the Northern District of New York, announced today that **DANIEL MARKEL**, age 51, of Syracuse, New York entered a guilty plea Monday, April 16, 2012, in U.S. District Court in Syracuse, New York before the Hon. David E. Peebles, U.S. Magistrate Judge. **MARKEL**, a letter carrier with the U.S. Post Office in Auburn, N.Y., admitted to defrauding the U.S. Postal Service and U.S. Department of Labor of \$5,647.36 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, **MARKEL** admitted in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1920 and 2(b), that he falsely represented that he was not incarcerated during a period that he was collecting workers compensation benefits. If **MARKEL** had truthfully disclosed the fact of his incarceration, his workers compensation benefits would have been suspended during the period of his incarceration.

Sentencing has been set for August 14, 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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