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## **FORMER MAIL CARRIER SENTENCED FOR THEFT OF GOVERNMENT FUNDS**

BUFFALO, N.Y. - U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Jennifer Moshier, 37, of Cuba, N.Y., pleaded guilty to theft of government funds before U.S. Magistrate Judge H. Kenneth Schroeder. The charge carries a maximum sentence of one year in prison, a fine of \$100,000 or both.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Russell T. Ippolito, Jr., who is handling the case, stated that Moshier, a rural carrier associate for the United States Postal Service, collected unemployment insurance benefits to which she was not entitled. Between August 1, 2009, and July 11, 2011, Moshier applied for and received unemployment insurance benefits on 38 separate occasions. The defendant failed to report income earned from three other employers in order to qualify for and receive unemployment insurance benefits. In total, Moshier stole \$7,579.75 in benefits from the U.S. Postal Service.

The plea is the culmination of an investigation by the United States Post Office, Office of Inspector General, under the direction of Elizabeth Farcht, Special Agent in Charge, the United States Department of Labor, Office of Inspector General, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Robert L. Panella, and the New York State Department of Labor, under the direction of Commissioner Peter Rivera.

Sentencing is scheduled for January 9, 2013 at 10:30 a.m. before the Judge Schroeder.

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