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FORMER POSTAL EMPLOYEE PLEADS GUILTY TO STEALING MAIL

ROCHESTER, N.Y.-- U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Dale Richmond, 58, of Williamson, N.Y., pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge David G. Larimer, to mail theft and mail tampering. The mail theft charges each carry a maximum penalty of 10 of years in prison, a fine of \$250,000, or both.

Assistant U.S. Attorney John J. Field, who is handling the case, stated that the defendant was employed by the United States Postal Service as an electronic technician at the Rochester Logistics and Distribution Center. While working there, Richmond repeatedly opened mail illegally and stole the contents of the mail. Some of the items stolen by the defendant included cash, jewelry and gold items, collectible coins, and a rare Mickey Mantle baseball card, among other things.

The plea is the culmination of an investigation on the part of Special Agents of the United States Postal Service, Office of Inspector General, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Robert Lapina.

Sentencing is scheduled Jan. 23, 2013, at 2:30 p.m., before Judge Larimer.

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