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FORMER POSTAL CARRIER SENTENCED FOR THEFT OF MAIL

BUFFALO, N.Y.-- U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Michael Vickery, 34, of Orchard Park, New York, who was convicted of Theft of Mail Matter by a Postal Employee on October 25, 2011, was sentenced to 2 years probation by U.S. District Judge Richard J. Arcara.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Marie P. Grisanti, who handled the case, stated while employed as a Postal Carrier, the defendant opened more than 23 pieces of mail and stole cash and lottery tickets contained in those envelopes. The investigation in this case occurred after several tenants at Creek Bend Apartments, in Hamburg, New York reported in 2010 that their outgoing mail had been rifled and cash and NYS Lottery scratch off tickets enclosed in that mail had been stolen. The value of the items the defendant stole was \$281.00. Judge Arcara agreed with the prosecutor that this case involved a breach of the public trust.

The conviction was the culmination of an investigation on the part of Special Agents of the Office of the Inspector General for the United States Postal Service under the direction of Elizabeth Farcht, Special Agent in Charge.

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