

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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CRIMINAL NO. 18-196

v.

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SECTION: "J"

BRIA DAVIS

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VIOLATION: 18 U.S.C. § 1709

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FACTUAL BASIS

The above-named defendant, **BRIA DAVIS** ("DAVIS"), has agreed to plead guilty to Count Four of the Indictment now pending against her. Should this matter have gone to trial, the United States of America would have proven beyond a reasonable doubt, through the introduction of relevant, competent, and admissible testimonial, physical and demonstrative evidence, the following facts to support the allegations pending against the defendant.

At all times material herein, **DAVIS** was employed by the United States Postal Service as a Postal Support Employee/Sales Distribution Clerk working at both the Slidell Main Post Office and the Slidell West Station Post Office in Slidell, Louisiana located in the Eastern District of Louisiana.

The case against **DAVIS** began as a result of a customer complaint in December 2016 ("Victim D.D."). Victim D.D. reported mailing two Toys-R-Us gift cards totaling \$50.00 from the Slidell West Station Post Office. The Office of Inspector General for the U.S. Postal Service ("Postal OIG" or "Postal agents") initiated an investigation and interviewed Victim D.D., who identified the defendant as the Postal employee who waited on him at the post office.


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Based on the complaint, Postal agents prepared articles of integrity "test" mail containing cash and gift cards for placement in and around **DAVIS'** window at the Slidell Post Office. On January 12, 2017, the first article of test mail addressed to a residence on Carrollton Avenue in Metairie, LA containing \$100.00 and a \$35.00 Best Buy gift card was deposited at **DAVIS'** retail window. Agents determined **DAVIS** failed to handle the envelope properly, but were unable to observe what **DAVIS** did with the contents.

On January 18, 2017, Postal agents and Slidell detectives prepared and mailed another article of test mail addressed to a P.O. Box in Jackson, MS containing \$100.00 from **DAVIS'** retail window. Agents observed **DAVIS** open the envelope, remove the contents, and place the currency into her pocket. Agents then made contact with **DAVIS** and escorted her to a conference room located in the post office. Postal OIG agents advised **DAVIS** of her *Miranda* rights and told her they were investigating her for mail theft. According to **DAVIS**, she understood why the investigators were present and she told the Postal OIG agents that the cash was in her right pant leg pocket. During the interview, **DAVIS** admitted to stealing five (5) \$20 bills from a letter mailed the previous week. Initially, she claimed she did not take the Best Buy gift card contained in the envelope but later confessed to taking it and throwing it out of her car window while driving on the interstate.

Agents obtained consent to search **DAVIS'** personal vehicle. During their search of her car, the agents recovered ten additional articles of mail contained in her trunk and glove compartment. The recovered mail appears to have been out for delivery sometime between September 2016 and January 2017. Agents also found numerous checkbooks and gift cards.

Following the search of **DAVIS**' personal vehicle, she admitted to stealing money orders during the previous two weeks from the Slidell Main Post Office. **DAVIS** said she began stealing mail in November 2016 and estimated she took 20-30 letters containing gift cards to retailers such as Target and Babies-R-Us. According to **DAVIS**, she estimated about 50 percent of the stolen mail had cash totaling \$500 to \$600.

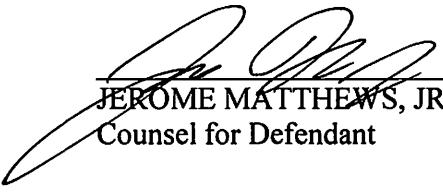
DAVIS agreed to write her initials on the seized evidence from her car and she admitted to stealing the recovered items. **DAVIS** acknowledged stealing the currency and Best Buy gift card from the previous week. She admitted to stealing Toys-R-Us gift cards mailed by an older woman ("Victim R.V.") and to stealing the three Applebee's gift cards found in her car ("Victim C.B."). She also said she stole the red greeting card found in her trunk addressed to Lexington, TX that contained a \$100.00 gift card ("Victim P.B.").

DAVIS said she liked opening customers' financial mail simply to see their financial standing. **DAVIS** said she took the three Lakeshore Dodge checks out of the raw mail at the Slidell Main Post Office. Agents asked **DAVIS** why she was in possession of so many checks that did not belong to her and she responded she took the checks from box customers. Agents pointed out to **DAVIS** that several of the stolen checks had driver's license numbers handwritten on them. **DAVIS** said she took the driver's license numbers from customer's P.O. Box applications. **DAVIS** admitted to possessing and completing the checks belonging to other victims. Several USAA Federal Savings Bank checkbooks were also recovered from **DAVIS**' car glove compartment.

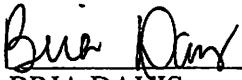
In total, the agents recovered an additional 10 pieces of mail, 7 blank checkbooks from various financial institutions, 11 gift cards, and 3 money orders not belonging to **DAVIS**. **DAVIS** wrote her initials and dated all of the items she admitted to stealing.

The defendant, **BRIA DAVIS**, further agrees that the information herein is not all the information known or known to her about her conduct, but that facts contained in this Factual Basis are true and correct, and support the offense charged in Count 4 of the Indictment.

READ AND APPROVED:


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