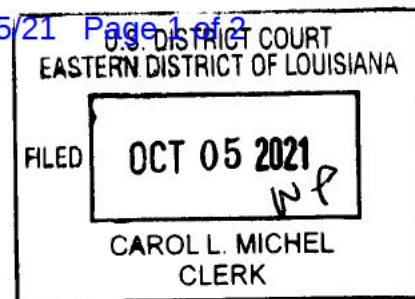


UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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CRIMINAL NO: 21-109

v.

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SECTION: "A"

HAROLD SAINTES, JR.

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FACTUAL BASIS

Defendant, **HAROLD SAINTES, JR. ("SAINTES")** has agreed to plead guilty to Count 1 of the Bill of Information, charging him with one count of theft of mail by a Postal Employee, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1709. Should this matter have gone to trial, the Government 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 against defendant.

At all times material herein, the defendant **SAINTES**, was employed by the United States Postal Service as an Officer in Charge (OIC) working at the Loranger Post Office in Loranger, Louisiana, which is located in the Eastern District of Louisiana.


The government would establish that the case against the defendant, **SAINTES**, began in October 2019 as a result of complaints received by the U.S. Postal Service, Office of Inspector General concerning mis-sent parcels at the Loranger Post Office. Specifically, on October 17, 2019, Special Agent [REDACTED], U.S. Postal Service, received information that **SAINTES** was opening parcels and packages in his office at the Loranger Post Office and removing the contents, cutting up the packaging and taking the contents home in his personal vehicle. On October 18, 2019, Postal OIG Agents went to the Loranger Post Office and met with **SAINTES**.

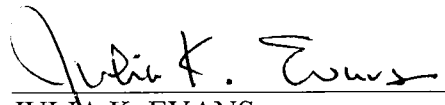
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Prior to the interview, Agents identified themselves to **SAINTES** and advised him of his *Miranda* rights. **SAINTES** read his *Miranda* rights and signed the Postal Service *Miranda* rights form indicating he understood his rights. Agents told **SAINTES** that they knew he was stealing mis-sent packages and that he currently had packages in his personal vehicle. **SAINTES** admitted that he started opening packages during the prior month because he needed money. **SAINTES** stated he was having financial troubles and was having to travel home to take care of business, was going through a divorce and was generally “hurting”. **SAINTES** admitted to taking five to ten packages total, but denied taking any cash from the Post Office. He also denied selling any items from the mis-sent packages. The total loss amount is \$380.00.

Agents searched **SAINTES** personal vehicle and recovered the contents from several mis-sent parcels **SAINTES** had admitted opening that day at the Post Office. The search of **SAINTES** trailer also yielded the contents from several mis-sent parcels which **SAINTES** admitted to opening during the relevant time period.

Both the Government and the defendant, **HAROLD SAINTES, JR.**, do hereby stipulate and agree that the above facts set forth a sufficient factual basis for the crime to which the defendant is pleading guilty and that the Government would have proven these facts beyond a reasonable doubt at trial.


 HAROLD SAINTES, JR. 10-5-21
 Defendant (Date)


 JULIA K. EVANS 10/5/21
 Assistant United States Attorney (Date)


 ANNALISA MIRON, ESQUIRE 10/5/21
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