

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	*	CRIMINAL NO: 13-050
v.	*	SECTION: "G "
CHANEL M. MCGINNIS	*	
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FACTUAL BASIS

Should this matter have gone to trial, the government would have proven beyond a reasonable doubt, through the introduction of competent testimony and admissible tangible exhibits, the following to support the allegations charged by the government in the one-count Bill of Information now pending against the defendant, CHANEL M. MCGINNIS.

A representative from the Metairie Main Post Office would testify that in February 2011, he received information from W.B., a resident of Metairie, Louisiana, regarding an insured letter addressed to W.B. that contained \$450 U.S. currency. W.B. informed the representative that although he did not receive the letter, the delivery receipt showed that someone had signed his name on the delivery receipt and the letter was scanned as delivered on February 7, 2011.

Special Agents from the United States Postal Service-Office of Inspector General (USPS-OIG) would testify that they investigated this matter and discovered that the U.S. postal

letter carrier on February 7, 2011 responsible for the mail delivery route that included W.B.'s residence was Chanel M. McGinnis ("MCGINNIS"). MCGINNIS was a United States postal employee at the time and was entrusted with the delivery of the mail from as early as December 2010 to on or about February 7, 2011.

On or about June 29, 2011, USPS-OIG Special Agents interviewed MCGINNIS regarding the missing insured letter addressed to W.B. They advised MCGINNIS of her Miranda rights, which she waived both verbally and in writing. MCGINNIS admitted that when she picked up the mail to be delivered, she noticed the letter addressed to W.B. because it was a thick letter and it was insured. She opened the letter, which contained \$450 cash. She admitted that she took the money that was in the letter to pay her electric bill and groceries. At the time of the interview, MCGINNIS also possessed other mail pieces and four gift/rebate cards having a value of \$250, belonging to others, that she had removed from the mail that she was supposed to have delivered. MCGINNIS admitted that she began opening greeting cards she was supposed to deliver beginning in December 2010.

The government would prove that the amount of restitution for the purposes of this offense is approximately \$700.

CHANEL M. MCGINNIS
Defendant

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