

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

UNITED STATES : Hon.  
 :  
 v. : Crim. No.  
 :  
 RUFUS WARD : 18 U.S.C. § 641;  
 : 18 U.S.C. § 2

I N F O R M A T I O N

The defendant having waived in open court prosecution by Indictment, the United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey charges:

1. At all times relevant to this Information:
  - a. the United States Postal Service ("the USPS") was an agency of the United States;
  - b. the USPS issued special credit cards called Voyager cards to trucking companies that entered into contracts with the USPS for long-haul trucking of U.S. Mail. Employees who worked for those contractors as truck drivers used the Voyager cards to buy fuel for their trucks to transport mail under their employer's contract with the USPS; and
  - c. the defendant RUFUS WARD was employed by two related trucking companies as a supervisor of their truck drivers, some of whom regularly drove trucks hauling U.S. Mail. In that capacity, the defendant RUFUS WARD knew that the drivers

he supervised used Voyager cards issued to both companies to buy fuel. On occasion, the defendant RUFUS WARD also drove trucks for his two employers.

2. From on or about April 16, 2005 to on or about February 19, 2009, at Bellmawr, in the District of New Jersey, and elsewhere, the defendant

RUFUS WARD

knowingly and willfully did (a) embezzle, steal, purloin, and without authority convert Voyager cards to his own use and gain and the use and gain of another, and (b) receive, conceal, and retain Voyager cards with intent to convert them to his use and gain, knowing them to have been embezzled, stolen, purloined, and converted without authority to his own use and gain and the use and gain of another, by (i) using Voyager cards without authorization to purchase fuel and cigarettes for his own use and gain, and (ii) allowing Vincenzo James Bender III to use Voyager cards to purchase fuel for Bender's own use and gain, thereby causing the USPS, an agency of the United States, to lose \$365,564, with the intent to deprive the USPS of the use and benefit of those funds.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 641, and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

  
PAUL J. FISHMAN  
United States Attorney