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RUSH MAN CHARGED WITH ASSAULTING A FEDERAL OFFICER

ROCHESTER, N.Y.-- U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Mark Joseph Rossel, 53, of Rush, N.Y., pleaded guilty to assault of a federal officer before U.S. District Judge David Larimer. The charge carries a maximum penalty of one year in prison, a \$100,000 fine, or both.

Assistant U.S. Attorney John J. Field, who is handling the case, stated that Rossel engaged in a struggle with a United States Postal Inspector on May 12, 2011. The Inspector was injured which impeded the performance of his official duties.

The plea is the result of investigative efforts by the United States Postal Inspection Service, under the direction of Inspector in Charge Kevin Niland and the Monroe County Sheriff's Department, under the direction of Sheriff Patrick O'Flynn.

Sentencing is scheduled for January 15, 2013, at 2:30 p.m. before Judge Larimer.

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