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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

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BILL OF INFORMATION FOR  
MISAPPROPRIATION OF POSTAL FUNDS

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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CRIMINAL NO.

**18-233**

v.

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SECTION:

**SECT. MMAG. 2**

RYAN S. CORTEZ

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VIOLATION: 18 U.S.C. § 1711

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The United States Attorney charges that:

COUNT 1

(Misappropriation of Postal Funds)

**A. AT ALL TIMES MATERIAL HEREIN:**

1. The defendant, RYAN S. CORTEZ (“CORTEZ”), was employed by the United States Postal Service (“USPS”) as the Supervisor and Manager of Customer Service Operations at the North Kenner Post Office located in Kenner, Louisiana.

2. One of CORTEZ’s responsibilities was to order postage stamps from the USPS Stamp Fulfillment Center.

3. The North Kenner Post Office generally kept a reserve postage stamp stock valued at approximately \$50,000.00 to \$70,000.00.

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4. By September 2018, the value of the North Kenner Post Office's reserve postage stamp stock had grown to more than \$630,000.00.

5. PayPal Holdings, Inc. was an American company operating a worldwide online payment system that supported online money transfers and served as an electronic alternative to traditional payment methods.

6. eBay Inc. was an American multinational e-commerce corporation based in San Jose, California that facilitated consumer-to-consumer and business-to-consumer sales through its website.

**B. THE OFFENSE:**

Beginning at a time unknown to on or about October 10, 2018, in the Eastern District of Louisiana and elsewhere, the defendant, **RYAN S. CORTEZ**, being an officer and employee of the United States Postal Service, did knowingly and willfully convert to his own use money and property coming into his hands and under his control in any manner, in the execution and under the color of his office, employment, and service, of a value more than \$1,000.00, to wit:

**CORTEZ** stole approximately \$636,000.00 in postage stamps from the North Kenner Post Office, which he sold online using PayPal and eBay.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1711.

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