

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

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U.S. DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LA.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA *

CRIMINAL NO. 18-194

v. *

SECTION 8
WILLIAM W. BLEVINS
CLERK

JACQUELINE BATISTE *

VIOLATION: 18 U.S.C. § 1711

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FACTUAL BASIS

The above-named defendant, **JACQUELINE BATISTE**, a/k/a **Jacqueline Batiste Francois** (“**BATISTE**”), has agreed to plead guilty to Count One of the Superseding Bill of Information now pending against her. Should this matter have gone to trial, the United States of America 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 the defendant.

At all times material herein, the defendant, **BATISTE**, was employed by the United States Postal Service as a City Letter Carrier/Supervisor working in the New Orleans Bywater Station Post Office located in the Eastern District of Louisiana. One of **BATISTE**’s responsibilities was to prepare and dispatch the Bywater Station’s daily remittances for deposit with the New Orleans Process and Delivery Center Registry Section.


The case against **BATISTE** began when the New Orleans Process and Delivery Registry contacted Special Agents Kuhn (“SA Kuhn”) and Mitchum of the United States Postal Service Office of Inspector General (“USPS OIG”) because the Bywater Station Post Office (“Bywater”) failed to submit remittances. The USPS OIG’s investigation revealed that Bywater employees gave deposit money to **BATISTE** for remittance to the Registry Section.

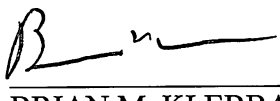
On March 29, 2018, Batiste agreed to meet with special agents of the USPS OIG. **BATISTE** was advised of her *Miranda* rights and was told that the agents wanted to discuss financial issues in the Bywater Post Office. **BATISTE** told the agents that she had a gambling issue and liked to play the slot machines at Boomtown Casino. **BATISTE** said, on the date in question, she notified a fellow postal employee that she was going to place the deposit money in the safe. SA Kuhn asked **BATISTE** if that happened and **BATISTE** replied, "No, I had the urge." **BATISTE** admitted to taking the deposit money for March 10, 2018 and going to Boomtown. SA Kuhn told **BATISTE** the total loss of the money was \$1,214.00 for the period March 10 through March 16, 2018. SA Kuhn asked **BATISTE** if it was safe to say the missing \$1,214.00 was now at Boomtown and she replied "Yes sir." According to **BATISTE**, she had already lost her own money at Boomtown on Saturday before losing the rest of the money she had taken from the post office.

The government would call witnesses from the Boomtown Casino, the USPS OIG, and introduce records to establish **BATISTE** gambling on the days she stole to postal funds from the Bywater Post Office.

The defendant, **JACQUELINE BATISTE**, further agrees that the information herein is not all the information known or known to her about her conduct, but that facts contained in this Factual Basis are true and correct, and support the offense charged in the Superseding Bill of Information.

READ AND APPROVED:

for  2/6/19
MARTIN REGAN DATE
Counsel for Defendant

 2/6/19
BRIAN M. KLEBBA DATE
Assistant United States Attorney

 2/6/19
JACQUELINE BATISTE DATE
Defendant