

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

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA * **CRIMINAL NO. 21-59**
VERSUS * **SECTION: D**
LACEY STEWART * **VIOLATIONS: 18 U.S.C. § 2**
* * * **18 U.S.C. § 1708**

FACTUAL BASIS

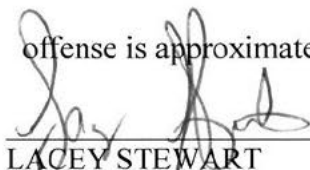
Should this matter have gone to trial, the government would have proved, through the introduction of competent testimony and admissible tangible evidence, the following to support the allegations charged by the government in the one-count Bill of Information now pending against the defendant, Lacey Stewart, (hereafter "STEWART").

Special Agents from the United States Postal Service - Office of Inspector General ("OIG") would testify that on May 1, 2020, they received information that a U.S. Postal Express Mail Package was mailed from the Paulina, Louisiana Post Office located at 2388 Louisiana Highway 44 in Paulina Louisiana. The package was addressed to individual "A" in Rochester New York, 14605 and contained several postal money orders. When received, the package was missing a \$1,000 Postal Money Order, which was contained in the envelope. The OIG Agents would further testify that the Paulina, Louisiana Post Office is an authorized depository for mail matter and is located in the Eastern District of Louisiana. The OIG agent would further testify that on May 1, 2020 individual "B" purchased Postal Service Money Order Number [REDACTED] in the amount of \$1,000.00 from the Paulina Louisiana Post Office. Individual "B" left the money order blank and mailed it via

Express Mail Number [REDACTED] [REDACTED] to his brother, individual "A" in Rochester New York. When his brother received the Express Mail on May 2, 2020, he discovered it had been opened and taped closed and it did not contain the \$1,000.00 money order purchased at the Paulina Post Office. Postal Service Records would further show that that money order was cashed at the Paulina Post Office on May 1, 2020, the same day individual "B" purchased the money order. Postal Service Records would show that the defendant, Stewart, was the clerk who sold the money order to individual "B" on May 1, 2020. Postal Service Records would further show that the defendant, Stewart, sold the money order at 1:04pm and that Stewart also cashed the money order on the same date, May 1, 2020 at 3:52pm at the Paulina Post Office. The OIG Special Agents would further testify that the defendant, Stewart, removed the postal money order from the express mail envelope, retaped the envelope and proceeded to cash the \$1,000.00 postal money order. The defendant Stewart's handwriting appeared on the cashed money order. Individual "B" would testify that Stewart sold him the postal money order and that he left the sealed package with Stewart prior to 3:52pm on May 1, 2020, and he did not give Stewart permission to open the Express Mail envelope or cash the \$1,000.00 Postal money order.

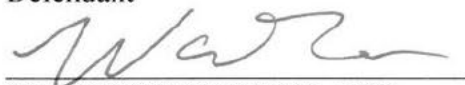
The Government would prove that the amount of restitution for the purposes of this

offense is approximately \$1,000.00.



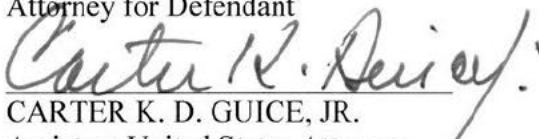
LACEY STEWART
Defendant

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JUNE 29, 2021
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