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Philadelphia Man Charged with Impersonating a USPS Mail Carrier, Possessing USPS Arrow Keys, and Mail Theft

PHILADELPHIA – United States Attorney Jacqueline C. Romero announced that Zachkey James, 27, of Philadelphia, PA, was charged by Indictment with impersonation of a U.S. Postal Service (USPS) Mail Carrier, unlawful possession of three USPS Arrow Keys, mail theft, and possession of stolen mail.

As alleged in the Indictment, in July 2022, while pretending to be a USPS Mail Carrier, James stole undelivered mail from a collection box located near the Kingsessing Post Office in Philadelphia. In October 2022, again while pretending to be a USPS Mail Carrier, James stole undelivered mail from a collection box located near the East Germantown Post Office in Philadelphia. And in November 2022, James possessed three Arrow Keys and approximately 15 mail-in ballots that had been stolen from USPS collection boxes.

If convicted, the defendant faces a maximum of 31 years in prison and a $1,500,000 fine.

The case was investigated by the United States Postal Inspection Service, and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Patrick Brown.

U.S. Attorney Romero and USPIS Assistant Inspector in Charge John Walker made the announcement today: <https://twitter.com/USAO_EDPA/status/1600588080150372352>.

An indictment, information, or criminal complaint is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.