

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

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	*	CRIMINAL NO: 13-048
v.	*	SECTION: "C"
JOEL RAYMOND POLASKI	*	
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FACTUAL BASIS

Should this matter have gone to trial, the government would have proven beyond a reasonable doubt, through the introduction of competent testimony and admissible tangible exhibits, the following to support the allegations charged by the government in the one-count Bill of Information now pending against the defendant, JOEL RAYMOND POLASKI.

Postal Inspectors from the U.S. Postal Inspection Service ("USPIS") would testify that on or about September 15, 2011, Ethel Banks, the Postmaster of the Gray, Louisiana Post Office, received complaints from customers that they were not receiving their mail packages that were sent to their post office boxes at the Gray Post Office. Banks informed the Postal Inspectors that the only driver responsible for reporting to the Houma, Louisiana Post Office every morning to pick up and transport the mail matter to be delivered to the post office boxes at the Gray, Louisiana Post Office was Joel Raymond POLASKI, a Highway Contract Route driver for Advantage Equipment, LLC, a company contracted by the U.S. Postal Service to transport mail matter.

For the next several days, Banks monitored and recorded information regarding the parcels that were going from the Houma Post Office to the P.O. Box customers at the Gray Post Office. The Postal Inspectors also conducted surveillance by following POLASKI while he was driving his route and eventually driving to his house. They discovered that several parcels did not make it to the Gray Post Office and that POLASKI had carried the parcels into his house. Based upon their observations, the Inspectors applied for and obtained a federal search warrant for POLASKI's residence located on Oakley Avenue, Thibodaux, Louisiana.

On or about September 23, 2011, the Postal Inspectors executed the search warrant at POLASKI's residence. POLASKI went through his residence with the Postal Inspectors and pointed out the items and packages that had been stolen from the Gray, Louisiana Post Office that he unlawfully possessed. After agreeing to sign a "Warning and Waiver of Rights" form, POLASKI agreed to answer questions and to provide a signed, sworn, and handwritten statement. POLASKI admitted to stealing the parcels from the Gray Post Office. He explained that after stealing the parcels, he would bring them home to his residence. He began to steal because he was in a financial bind and had declared bankruptcy. He was going to give the stolen items to family members as Christmas gifts.

The government would prove that the loss amount for the purposes of this offense is approximately \$7,278 and that the number of victims is more than ten and less than fifty.

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Defendant

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