



United States Attorney's Office District of Connecticut Press Release

October 2, 2009 FORMER USPS EMPLOYEE WHO STOLE GIFT CARDS IS SENTENCED

Nora R. Dannehy, United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut, announced that EDITH POLICE, 53, of Bridgeport, was sentenced yesterday, October 1, by United States Magistrate Judge Joan G. Margolis in New Haven to one year of probation for misappropriating postal funds while employed as a mail processing clerk for the United States Postal Service. POLICE, who pleaded guilty to the charge on July 13, also must pay a fine in the amount of \$250 and perform 35 hours of community service.

According to court documents and statements made in court, from August 2008 to December 2008, while employed as a mail processing clerk at the Stamford Processing and Distribution Center, POLICE stole approximately \$1000 in various store gift cards from the mail and used them herself.

It is a violation of federal law for a Postal Service officer or employee to knowingly steal money or property from the mail he or she is charged with processing.

As part of her sentence, POLICE was ordered to pay restitution of \$875 to identified victims who were the intended recipients of the gift cards she took for her own use.

POLICE is no longer employed by the United States Postal Service.

This case was investigated by the United States Postal Service, Office of Inspector General. The case was prosecuted by Supervisory Assistant United States Attorney Alina P. Reynolds.

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