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**FORMER POSTMASTER OF NORTH NORWICH POST OFFICE**  
**SENTENCED FOR EMBEZZLING GOVERNMENT FUNDS**

Richard S. Hartunian, United States Attorney, Northern District of New York, announced that JAMES M. IVES, age 65, of Norwich, New York, was sentenced in U.S. District Court in Binghamton on August 21, 2012 in connection with his guilty plea to a one count Information charging him with misappropriation of postal funds in violation of Title 18 United States Code, Section 1711. Senior U.S. District Judge Thomas J. McAvoy sentenced IVES to serve one year of probation supervision, complete 50 hours of community service, and to pay a fine of \$1,000.

IVES admitted at his plea on March 23, 2012, that between about February 1, 2008 and December 9, 2011, he converted to his own use money and property coming under his control during his employment as the Postmaster at the North Norwich Post Office. An audit of the Post Office established that \$7,385.95 had been taken by IVES. IVES has already paid back the Postal Service for the stolen money.

The theft of the funds was discovered by investigators from the Office of Inspector General of the United States Post Service during an audit of the facility in December 2011. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Kevin P. Dooley of the Binghamton office. Inquiries can be directed to AUSA Dooley at (607) 773-2887.