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FORMER POSTAL EMPLOYEE SENTENCED ON CHARGES OF THEFT OF MAIL

– Former postal employee had admitted to stealing various items from the mail

LOUISVILLE, KY - U.S. Attorney David J. Hale of the Western District of Kentucky announced that **Joseph Bourg**, age 45, of Elizabethtown, Kentucky, in Hardin County, was sentenced on May 17, 2010, on charges of theft of mail matter and obtaining controlled substances by fraud.

The Indictment alleged that between 2008 through August of 2009, while he was a postal employee, Bourg rifled through the mail and stole gold coins, silver bars, baseball and football trading cards, Net Flix DVDs, and other items from letters, cards and packages. Bourg was also alleged to have obtained controlled substances which he improperly took from the mail. The Elizabethtown Post Office received a number of complaints about items that did not reach their intended recipients. During their investigation, investigators observed Bourg take a package from the post office. A search warrant was executed on his home where investigators discovered additional packages of controlled substances along with other items which Bourg admitted to he took from the mail.

Bourg was sentenced by Chief Judge Thomas B. Russell to 12 months and one day imprisonment, and 2 years of supervised release. He was also ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$7, 232.81.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Lettricea Jefferson-Webb, and it was investigated by the United States Postal Service, Office of the Inspector General, Veteran's Administration Office of Inspector General and the Drug Enforcement Administration.

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