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FORMER LETTER CARRIER PLEADS GUILTY TO THEFT OF PUBLIC MONEY

(HOUSTON) – Former letter carrier Rodney Niel Harvey, 35, of Houston, has pleaded guilty to one count of theft of public money, United States Attorney José Angel Moreno announced today.

Harvey, who began his employment with the U.S. Postal Service as a letter carrier on Oct. 24, 1998, was assigned to work at the Roy Royall Postal Station on the 4200 block of Little York in Houston. Harvey was arrested via criminal complaint on June 3, 2010, resulting from an investigation into a reported robbery at the Roy Royall Postal Station. Initial investigation determined that after preparing the station's official remittance (bank deposit) for the day's business, the postal clerk on duty observed a masked individual enter the building and steal the Express Mail pouch containing the remittance. The robber was later identified as Rodney Niel Harvey. Harvey was formally indicted on June 30, 2010. Agents recovered the mask, clothing and shoes used by Harvey as well as the remittance in a nearby wooded area adjacent to the post office. Agents later determined the remittance contained \$15,289 in cash and \$299.20 in checks and money orders for a total deposit of 15,588.20.

Judge Keith P. Ellison, who accepted Harvey's guilty plea today, has set sentencing for Oct. 13, 2010. Harvey faces a maximum penalty of up to 10 years imprisonment and/or a \$250,000 fine. Harvey is and will remain on bond pending his sentencing hearing.

The investigation leading to Harvey's indictment and arrest was conducted by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service with assistance from special agents with United States Postal Service – Office of Inspector General. The case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant United States Attorney Tammie Y. Moore.

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