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From : Chief David M Ryan

The Town of Pound Ridge Police Department report the arrest of a 52 year old Croton Falls woman after an investigation by the Pound Ridge Police Department and the United States Postal Service Inspector General's Office and with the assistance of members of the Economic Crimes Bureau of the Westchester District Attorney's Office.

52 year old Tensy May Smith of Hughes St in Croton on Hudson was arrested and charged with Grand Larceny in the Second Degree after a sting operation by the Pound Ridge Police Department and Special Agents from the US Postal Service. Mrs. Smith is a 15 year Postal employee, the last 9 in the Town of Pound Ridge as a carrier delivering mail in Pound Ridge.

Both Pound Ridge Police and the US Postal Service have received numerous complaints of mail being stolen, credit cards and debit cards being stolen and used in Westchester County and mail being opened and items removed from envelopes. These complaints have been ongoing for approximately one year. On Monday, members of the United States Postal Service Inspector generals Division met with the Pound Ridge Police Department.

Police, using addresses previously targeted, were able to catch the defendant in the act of one of the larcenies. At the time of her arrest, police found in her possession in excess of \$70,000.00 in stolen property from that days mail deliveries.

Subsequent to the arrest, police conducted a search at the residence of the defendant with the assistance of Croton on Hudson Police Department and members of the Pound Ridge Police Department and Special Agents from the United States Postal Service Inspector Generals Office. As a result of that search, police confiscated a large volume of mail and property stolen from numerous residents in Pound Ridge and other jurisdiction in Westchester County. In addition, police are working with several companies to determine where some of the stolen property, which included gift cards, credit cards and debit cards were used to purchase various items, from clothing, to recreational equipment, electronic

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equipment and other items which were purchased both online and in retail establishments throughout Westchester County.

Hundreds of items recovered will be analyzed by member of the Pound Ridge Police Department.

Chief David Ryan of the Pound Ridge Police Department commended the US Postal Inspectors for the cooperative effort in bringing this investigation to a successful conclusion.

Chief Ryan said "It seems the more cases we get involving mail, the greater our relationship becomes with this agency who have worked with us before in some very successful cases. I cannot thank them enough for the level of cooperation they have shown and for working side by side with us in this investigation. I wish to also thank the Westchester District Attorneys Office and specifically Ted Livingston and Brian Conway for the assistance they provided in helping to bring this investigation to a successful conclusion. Unfortunately the hard work starts now as we try to identify all of the victims which may number in the hundreds. In addition, we ask that anyone who may have had credit cards, gift cards, debit cards, reward cards or other cash value cards stolen in the past year in Pound Ridge contact either Chief Ryan or Sergeant Michael Armistead at the Pound Ridge Police Department so we may look at the property recovered to determine if it belongs to them."

Pound Ridge Police will continue this investigation with assistance from the Postal Inspectors and members of the Westchester District Attorney's Office, to determine what other jurisdictions may also have been targeted.

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