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## **Postal service employee sentenced for stealing mail**

A former United States Postal Service ("USPS") employee was sentenced today in federal court for stealing mail. In Minneapolis, United States District Court Judge David S. Doty sentenced Timothy J. Krolick, age 30, of Minneapolis, to eight months in prison on one count of theft of mail. Krolick also agreed to pay \$1,350 in restitution to the Ronald McDonald House, one of the victims of his crime. Krolick was indicted on June 9, 2009, and later pled guilty to the crime.

In his plea agreement, Krolick admitted that on February 6, 2009, he stole items from other people's mail while employed as a letter carrier. Krolick worked primarily in the University Station delivery area of Minneapolis, an area comprised of a high number of University of Minnesota students. Krolick was hired by the USPS in December 2004.

Following the sentencing, David A. Montoya, Special Agent in Charge of the Office of Inspector General ("OIG") for the Postal Service's Western Area Field Office, said, "The sentence issued today sends a clear message that stealing mail is a very serious crime and will not be tolerated. Theft by postal employees is a rarity; the overwhelming majority of Postal Service employees are honest, hardworking, and trustworthy individuals who would never consider the crime of stealing a customer's mail. But when a postal employee, such as Mr. Krolick, betrays that trust, OIG special agents vigorously investigate those matters. Today's sentencing reflects the continuing commitment of both the OIG and U.S. Attorney's Office to ensure the sanctity of the mail and bring to account those who violate the law."

This case was the result of an investigation by the USPS-Office of Inspector General. It was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney William J. Otteson.