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TIGARD MAN ADMITS TO THEFT OF U.S. MAIL

Postal Carrier is Sentenced to Federal Probation, Resigns from Job and Agrees to Pay Restitution

PORTLAND, Ore. - Bruce Douglas Menzies, 54 of Tigard, Oregon was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge Anna J. Brown to serve three years of probation, pay a \$2,500 fine and pay a \$100 fee assessment for theft of U.S. mail. Menzies pled guilty on August 25, 2013; as a condition of his plea agreement, he resigned from the U.S. Postal Service and agreed to pay restitution in the amount of \$300.

This case came to the attention of the U.S. Postal Inspector General's Office after they received a complaint from a postal customer in Portland, who reported that her grandmother had been sending birthday cards to her two young children that contained money. However, the greeting cards were received torn open without money, or not received at all. The victim suspected her mail carrier. The Inspector General's Office gathered evidence of defendant, Menzies, opening numerous items of mail on June 14, 2012, August 4, 2012, and August 29, 2012. Postal carrier, Menzies, was arrested on March 25, 2013.

"The majority of U.S. Postal Service employees are dedicated public servants who take great pride in ensuring the sanctity and security of U.S. Mail", U.S. Postal Service Office of Inspector General (USPS OIG) Special Agent in Charge Pete Gately said. "Unfortunately, Bruce Menzies betrayed the trust placed in him by the Postal Service and the public he was sworn to serve. His actions resulted in deserved consequences for such behavior. Today's sentencing of Mr. Menzies demonstrates the ongoing commitment of the USPS OIG and the U.S. Attorney's Office to vigorously investigate and prosecute these types of violations of the law, as we did in this case. The public can remain confident that the USPS OIG will continue to ensure the security of their mail."

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Geoffrey Barrow.

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