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## **Durant Man Sentenced to 36 Months' Probation for Delay or Destruction of Mail by Postal Employee**

MUSKOGEE, OKLAHOMA – The United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Oklahoma announced that Shawn Justin Fischer, age 36, of Durant, Oklahoma, was sentenced to 3 years of probation for Delay or Destruction Of Mail By Postal Employee, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1703.

The Indictment alleged that on or about April 20, 2017, in the Eastern District of Oklahoma, the Defendant, a United States Postal Service employee, did willfully, knowingly and unlawfully open a package entrusted to him and which came into his possession to be conveyed by mail while performing his assigned duties as an employee of the United States Postal Service.

The charge arose from an investigation by the United States Postal Services' Office of Inspector General. U.S. Attorney Brian J. Kuester stated, "The vast majority of our Postal Service employees serve us honorably. Identifying and prosecuting the very few Postal Service employees who violate the trust of the people they serve helps to maintain the integrity of our postal system. I am thankful to the Office of Inspector General for its work in this and other cases in the Eastern District of Oklahoma."

The Honorable James H. Payne, U.S. District Judge in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Oklahoma, in Muskogee, presided over the hearing. Assistant United States Attorney John David Luton represented the United States.

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