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## **Former Rochester Postal Employee Sentenced for Stealing Smartphones From the Mail**

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — U.S. Attorney James P. Kennedy, Jr. announced today that Bobby Bullard, Jr., 35, of Rochester, NY, who was convicted of theft by government employee, was sentenced to 90 days in jail and one year supervised release by U.S. District Judge David G. Larimer. The defendant was also ordered to pay \$648 in restitution for a stolen cell phone.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Craig R. Gestring, who handled the case, stated that the defendant worked as a Mail Handler Associate at the U.S. Mail Processing and Distribution Center in Rochester. While so employed, Bullard was seen rifling through packages that he was supposed to be sorting. Special Agents from the Postal Service's Office of Inspector General conducted surveillance on three separate occasions and recorded Bullard taking packages containing smart phones off the sorting conveyor belt. Agents watched as the defendant covertly opened the packages, removed the smart phones inside, put them in his pocket, and then discarded the empty packaging materials. Agents recovered several cell phones from Bullard at the time of contact and also recovered discarded phone packages. Bullard is no longer a Postal Service employee.

In sentencing the defendant, Judge Larimer noted that the public relies upon the Postal Service as well as the honesty of its workers.

The sentencing is the culmination of an investigation by Special Agents of the United States Postal Service, Office of Inspector General, under the direction of Special Agent-in-Charge is Kenneth Cleevely.

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