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Mail Carrier Sentenced For Stealing Gift Cards from Mail

WICHITA, KAN. - A former mail carrier in Sheridan County was sentenced Monday to six months in prison for stealing mail he was supposed to deliver, U.S. Attorney Tom Beall said. The defendant was ordered to pay \$4,000 in restitution.

James N. Stephenson, 25, formerly of Hoxie, Kan., and now living in Basehor, Kan., pleaded guilty to one count of mail theft. In his plea, he admitted the crime occurred while he was employed at the Post Office in Hoxie, Kan. He stole mail containing cash, gift cards and prepaid debit cards. He said he looked for birthday and anniversary cards that were likely to contain items of value.

After serving his sentence, Stephenson will spend two years on supervised release.

Beall commended the U.S. Postal Inspection Service - Office of Inspector General and Assistant U.S. Attorney Brent Anderson for their work on the case.

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