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## **Richmond Mail Carrier Sentenced for Accepting Bribes**

RICHMOND, Va. – A Richmond man was sentenced today to 13 months in prison for accepting bribes in exchange for packages believed to contain marijuana that had been sent through the United States mails.

According to court documents, Christopher Grant, 59, accepted multiple bribes over a nearly one-year period from several different individuals while working as a U.S. mail carrier. In exchange, Grant gave those individuals at least 20 suspected marijuana parcels, all of which had been shipped from other states to vacant addresses and false aliases along Grant's route. One such parcel was intercepted, searched, and found to contain over 11 pounds of marijuana. To hide his crimes, Grant attempted to alter U.S. Postal Service tracking records to falsely show that he had delivered the packages as addressed. Grant was confronted after surveillance recordings showed him accepting five cash bribes from individuals receiving the suspected marijuana parcels.

G. Zachary Terwilliger, U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia; Imari Niles, Special Agent in Charge, U.S. Postal Service, Office of Inspector General; and Peter R. Rendina, Inspector in Charge of the Washington Division of the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, made the announcement after sentencing by U.S. District Judge David J. Novak. Assistant U.S. Attorney Kaitlin G. Cooke prosecuted the case.

A copy of this press release is located on the website of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Virginia. Related court documents and information are located on the website of the District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia or on PACER by searching for Case No. 3:19-cr-125.

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