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Former Postal Employee Who Stole Mail is Sentenced

John H. Durham, United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut, announced that CAREEMA LEWIS, 33, of Waterbury, was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge Victor A. Bolden in Bridgeport to three years of probation for stealing mail while employed by the U.S. Postal Service. Judge Bolden ordered Lewis to perform 100 hours of community service while she is on probation.

According to court documents and statements made in court, between September 2018 and January 2019, while she was employed as a postal worker at the U.S. Post Office in Plymouth, Lewis stole numerous pieces of mail, specifically, greeting cards that contained gift cards or other items of value. When confronted by investigators in January 2019, Lewis admitted that she stole “between 20 and 50” gift cards from the mail. Lewis subsequently surrendered approximately 10 gift cards that she had stolen from greeting cards, and approximately 17 pieces of stolen mail that she had in her vehicle and her purse.

On September 26, 2019, Lewis pleaded guilty to one count of theft of mail by a postal employee.

Restitution will be determined after additional court proceedings.

This matter was investigated by the U.S. Postal Service Office of the Inspector General and was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Margaret M. Donovan.

Individuals who believe they are a victim of mail theft may file a complaint by calling 888-USPS-OIG or by clicking this [link](#).

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