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Lake Woman Sentenced for Delay or Destruction of U.S. Mail by a Postal Employee

Jackson, Miss. – Virginia Perkins, 49, of Lake, Mississippi, was sentenced yesterday by Senior U.S. District Judge David Bramlette III to two years' probation for delay or destruction of U.S. mail by a postal employee, announced U.S. Attorney Mike Hurst and Special Agent in Charge Christopher Cave with the U.S. Postal Service Office of Inspector General, Southern Area Field Office.

Perkins was employed as a rural carrier associate at the Canton, Mississippi, Post Office. On January 17, 2017, following numerous complaints regarding undelivered mail along her route, agents conducted surveillance of Perkins as she delivered mail. Agents found that mail was not being delivered as addressed. A search of her vehicle yielded approximately 2,044 pieces of letter mail and 340 flats that Perkins had not delivered.

The case was investigated by agents from the U.S. Postal Service, Office of Inspector General. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Kimberly Purdie.

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