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## **Postal Supervisor in Middletown Who Stole Packages is Sentenced**

John H. Durham, United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut, announced that ZOHEB A. DEURA, 34, of Derby, was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge Kari A. Dooley in Bridgeport to three years of probation, the first nine months of which Deura must serve in home confinement, for stealing mail while he was a U.S. Postal Service employee. Judge Dooley also ordered Deura to pay a \$20,000 fine.

According to court documents and statements made in court, between February and April 2020, while he was employed as a supervisor at the U.S. Post Office in Middletown, Deura stole numerous packages, including packages containing an Apple computer, PlayStation and Nintendo gaming devices, an iPhone, footwear, and clothing items.

On October 21, 2020, Deura pleaded guilty to embezzlement of mail by a U.S. Postal Service employee.

Deura has resigned from the U.S. Postal Service.

This investigation was conducted by the U.S. Postal Service Office of Inspector General, and the case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert S. Ruff.

Individuals who believe they are a victim of mail theft should file a complaint by calling 888-USPS-OIG, or by visiting [www.uspsoig.gov/form/new-complaint-form](http://www.uspsoig.gov/form/new-complaint-form).

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