

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE SUPREME COURT

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Appeal from Chester County  
Court of Common Pleas  
Brooks P. Goldsmith, Circuit Court Judge

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**S.C. Supreme Court**

**SUPREME COURT NUMBER: 2014-001246**

Mell Woods, . . . . . Petitioner,

v.

John D. Hinson, . . . . . Respondent.

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Court of Appeals Number: 2012 212429

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**ORIGINAL**



**REPLY TO RETURN**

1. Rule 262(a)(2) SCACR, is an extremely clear rule which states the public policy of South Carolina. The Rule simply says in plain english that documents, (with the exception of motions for reinstatement and petitions rehearing) are filed when placed in the U.S. Mail after being addressed to the clerk of court.

2. However, clear rules and statutes do not mean much to Mr. B. Michael Brackett, the respondent counsel. Mr. Brackett is always using out of state case law, to include federal decisions from circuits other than the 4th, and any case he can find to confuse the issues. In addition Brackett will claim that papers which have been served on him do not exist, and days later, or in one case a month later he will discover that he had the papers all along, and "apologize" to the court. In the meantime (before he admits having the papers) he will contact court personnel complaining that petitioner Mell Woods does not follow the Court Rules, which is the furthest thing from the truth. An example of how Mr. Brackett thumbs his nose at the Court is the only 1 inch margin on the left side of his Return instead of the 1 and 1/2" one required by the Rules.

3. In addition, Mr. Brackett somehow believes in his mind that he alone has been appointed by the king of England, or at least the royal governor of South Carolina, to run the present day court system in this state. Brackett has always improperly meddled in the court processes by calling up court staff and law clerks at the trial level to complain about Mell Woods. Of late, he has been calling up U.S. Post Office employees to try and find out if papers sent to petitioner have arrived and in addition if petitioner has mailed any papers to him (Brackett.)

4. The reason for the present controversy is that Brackett called the Supreme Court Clerk's Office complaining about his "non-receipt" of his papers.

5. In addition Brackett has now hired a U.S. Postal employee to sign an affidavit which he himself (Brackett) drew based on *his own* twisted version of the facts. The affidavit referred to contains *seven lies* which are delineated in paragraph seven of this Reply. The so-called affidavit was drawn on Brackett's typewriter in his style with his (Brackett's) exhibit stickers on the documents.

6. Mr. Brackett in his Return cites a Nevada Case. The Nevada case is from 1945. That's right 1945, and Brackett wants the South Carolina Supreme Court to believe that this world is the same as it was in 1945. And that you can trust the word of a post office employee, or "postmaster" -- such is just *not true* in year 2014. Petitioner attaches numerous examples where post office employees, including postmasters, and "managers" have been arrested and gone to jail for stealing, lying, robbery, false pretenses, destruction of mail, throwing mail away, embezzlement, delaying mail, false statements, stealing government checks, theft of gas [\$300,000.00 of it] tax fraud, [for not reporting stolen money as income] bribery, perjury, workmen's compensation fraud, theft of mail, and just a couple of weeks ago one of them admitted to stealing 20,000 pieces of mail -- all of this while on the post office time clock. None of the recited crimes occurred in 1945 but did occur *within the last five years*.

7. Petitioner comes now to deny the following statements [actually made by Brackett] but included in an "affidavit" signed by postal employee Paris N. Cherry in which Brackett attempts to explain the post office tracking system;

Lie Number One

In paragraph six, the following: "When a Click-N-Ship package is placed with the USPS for delivery, it is promptly scanned into the system for tracking purposes and is thereafter scanned at each step of the delivery process."

The statement is just a lie. Based on personal experience petitioner points out this is a lie. There are lots of times where an item does not get scanned at all, but is still delivered without scanning.

Lie Number Two

In paragraph six also, the following: "Exhibit E shows that the package bearing the Exhibit A label was first accepted by the USPS and scanned into the tracking system at 7:06 pm on June 26, 2014 at the 4117 Park Road, Charlotte, NC post office."

This statement is a lie. To start with, the place closes at 5:00 p.m. and all the employees are gone by 5:30 p.m. there is no one there to scan anything at 7:06 p.m.

Brackett makes it sound as if a postal clerk is there to scan anything dropped into the box after 5:00 p.m. this is just not true, any scanning at 7:06 at night would be done at the sorting center located at the Charlotte-Douglas Airport, it is just that the mailing label listed Park Road as the shipping point so the computer added that location as the shipping point. The box could have actually been mailed at any location in the surrounding area, Lancaster, or even Rock Hill, and the computer record would show the same thing. So it is not known where the package was being kept before it was scanned.

#### Lie Number Three

The statement about the scanning being done at 7:03 p.m. is a lie also and for the same reasons as in Lie Number Two, above, (this false statement is contained in No. 7.)

#### Lie Number Four

In paragraph ten the same phrase [about scanning] is repeated by the post office employee, and Mr. Brackett. The statement about the scanning is still a lie, and further the assertion about the item being scanned at

6:36 p.m. is an additional lie for the reason stated  
in Lie Number Two [above.]

Lies Five and Six

In paragraphs 10 & 11 the same lies about someone scanning  
the items at Park Road when no one was on duty at 6:36 p.m.  
are also lies.

Lie Number Seven

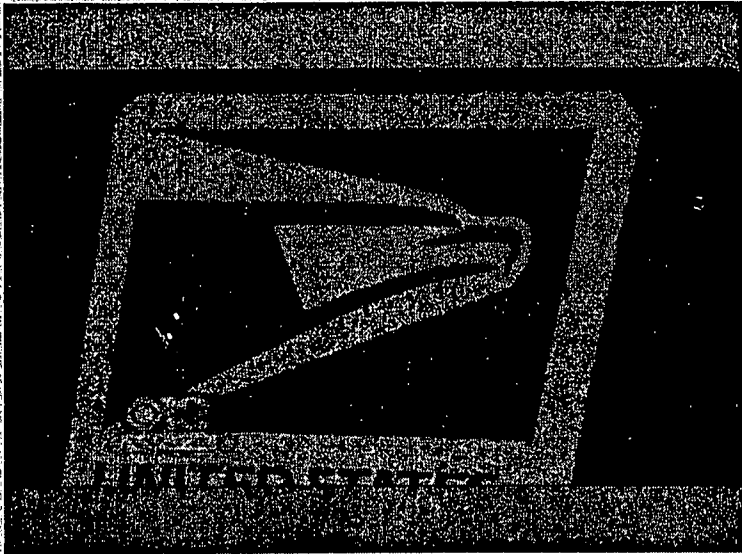
From paragraph 13: "drop box is emptied several times each  
day" and "packages are then promptly scanned" are lies  
also. This may be the way the employees are supposed to  
perform the job, but it far from what actually occurs.

## Video: Baltimore Carrier Admits To Stealing And Embezzling Over 20,000 Pieces Of Mail

July 24, 2014

Baltimore, Maryland – Jeffrey L. Shipley, age 47, of Millersville, Maryland pleaded guilty today to stealing and destroying mail while employed as a postal employee.

The guilty plea was announced by United States Attorney for the District of Maryland Rod J. Rosenstein; and Special Agent in Charge Paul Bowman of the U.S. Postal Service, Office of Inspector General.



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According to his plea agreement, Shipley worked as a postal service carrier beginning in 1993. From about 2005 to March 10, 2014, Shipley stole and embezzled mail. Shipley was a letter carrier at the Brooklyn Carrier Annex from 1994 to January 2007, at the Parkville Branch until August 2007 and at the Catonsville Carrier Annex from August 4, 2007 to the present.

Shipley embezzled mail that he was entrusted to deliver on his assigned route. He also stole mail directly from the Catonsville Carrier Annex that was not part of his assigned route. Shipley also took Postal Service property, including stools, mail bags, signs and a mirror, valued at over \$500.

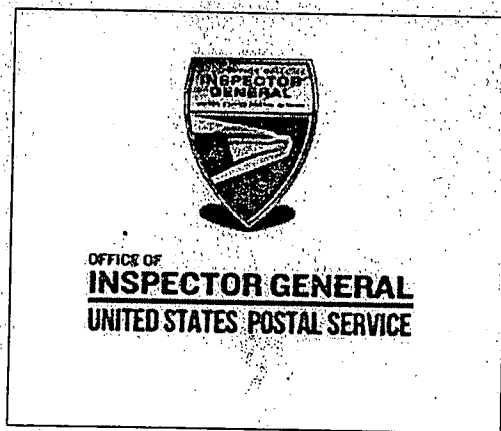
Agents executed a search warrant at Shipley's residence on March 10, 2014 and at a storage facility that he rented in Glen Burnie on April 18, 2014. Agents seized 20,413 pieces of mail, including gift cards and credit cards. Agents also seized 55 gift cards and 15 credit cards which were located separately from the stolen and embezzled mail, along with prescription bottles of medicine, checks, passports, a U.S. citizenship and immigration card.

jewelry, clothes, books, a Nook, sunglasses and other items.

The total loss resulting from the scheme is over \$10,000 and involved over 250 victims.

Shipley faces a maximum sentence of five years in prison for theft of mail by a Postal employee and for destruction of mail by a Postal employee, and a \$250,000 fine. Shipley has agreed to terminate his employment with the Postal Service and pay restitution of at least \$10,000. U.S. District Judge Ellen L. Hollander scheduled sentencing for January 23, 2015 at 10:30 a.m.

United States Attorney Rod J. Rosenstein praised the U.S. Postal Service – OIG for its work in the investigation and thanked Assistant U.S. Attorney Judson T. Mihok, who is prosecuting the case.



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## ABOUT

# Former Kansas Postmaster Indicted On Embezzlement Charges



Aug 25, 2011

The former postmaster of the Whiting, Kan., post office has been indicted on charges of embezzling government funds, U.S. Attorney Barry Grissom said Thursday.

Terri L. Morris, 49, Holton, Kan., is charged with two counts of making a false writing and one count of embezzling public funds. The indictment alleges the crimes took place at various times from Oct. 1, 2008, to Aug. 24, 2010, while Morris was Postmaster in the town of about 200 in Jackson County, Kan.

The indictment alleges that in 2010 investigators with the Postal Service made an unannounced visit to the Whiting Post Office and conducted an audit that showed a shortage of more than \$7,000.

If convicted, Morris faces a maximum penalty of 5 years in federal prison and a fine up to \$250,000 on each count of making a false writing, and a maximum penalty of 10 years and a fine up to \$250,000 on the embezzlement count. The U.S. Postal Service investigated. Assistant U.S. Attorney Christine Kenney is prosecuting.

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## Truck Driver Pleads Guilty to Stealing Hundreds of Thousands Through Unauthorized Use of USPS Fuel Charge Cards



JUNE 08, 2011

CAMDEN, N.J. – A supervisor of truck drivers formerly employed by two related trucking companies in Ocean, N.J., admitted today to stealing over \$300,000 from the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) through unauthorized use of fuel cards given to the companies in connection with a contract to haul U.S. mail, U.S. Attorney Paul J. Fishman announced.

Rufus Ward, 67, of Deptford, N.J., entered his guilty plea to one count of theft of government property before U.S. District Judge Joseph E. Irenas in Camden federal court.

According to the information to which Ward pleaded guilty and statements made in court:

The USPS contracts with trucking companies for long haul delivery of mail, including with the two trucking companies that employed Ward. The USPS gave special fuel credit cards called "Voyager cards" to the companies, which its drivers were to use to buy fuel for trucks used to transport the mail. The USPS was billed directly for all charges incurred.

Ward admitted that from approximately April 2005 to February 2009, he used the cards to make numerous unauthorized purchases of fuel and cigarettes for his personal use. Ward used a number of cards issued to trucks he drove and to trucks operated by other drivers. In addition, Ward admitted that he allowed another employee, Vincenzo Bender, to use such cards for Bender's personal gain after Bender approached him and told him that he knew what

Ward was doing with the cards. In return, Ward received from Bender thousands of dollars in cash, goods, and services.

The theft of government property charge to which Ward pleaded guilty carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison and a maximum fine of \$250,000, or twice the amount of loss caused by his offense. In addition, Ward agreed to pay restitution of \$365,416. Judge Irenas allowed Ward to be released on a \$100,000 bond until his sentencing, scheduled for September 13, 2011.

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## Former Elgin Postmaster to Serve 37 Months in Prison For Embezzlement from Postal Service and Tax Fraud



**Former Elgin Postmaster to Serve 37 Months in Prison For Embezzlement from Postal Service and Tax Fraud**  
*Ordered to Pay \$771,666.15 in Restitution to Postal Service and IRS*

PRESS RELEASE

May 25, 2011 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Today, JAMES E. DRAHEIM, 63, from Elgin, Oklahoma, was sentenced by United States District Judge Timothy D. DeGiusti to serve 37 months in federal prison for theft of public funds from the United States Postal Service and for filing a false tax return, announced Sanford C. Coats, United States Attorney for the Western District of Oklahoma. In addition, Judge DeGiusti ordered Draheim to serve two years of supervised release following his prison term and pay restitution of \$643,604.49 to the Postal Service and \$129,061.66 to the IRS.

Draheim was employed as the Postmaster in Elgin, Oklahoma, and from October 2005 through September 2009 used his position of trust to embezzle from the United States Postal Service. Specifically, Draheim took money paid by postal customers for bulk mailings, failed to credit the customer's account for the full amount of the check, and then embezzled the difference by purchasing money orders in his own name which he then used for his own personal benefit. Draheim pled guilty on September 28, 2010, to theft of public funds and filing a false tax return for the 2008 tax year.

This case is the result of an investigation conducted by the U.S. Postal Service Office of Inspector General and the Criminal Investigative Division of the Internal Revenue Service. This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Vicki Zemp Behenna.

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# REDDING POSTAL WORKER PLEADS GUILTY TO STEALING

May 24, 2010

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — United States Attorney Benjamin B. Wagner announced that United States Postal Service employee Shawn Michael Wardinski, 25, of Redding, pleaded guilty today before United States District Judge Frank C. Damrell Jr. to stealing prescription drugs from the mail.

This case is the product of a joint investigation by the U.S. Postal Service Office of Inspector General and the Redding Police Department. Assistant United States Attorney Camil A. Skipper is prosecuting the case.

According to the plea agreement, Wardinski had been employed by the Postal Service since 2004. The plea agreement and other court documents reveal that on October 10, 2009, Wardinski was found to have two dozen prescription medications in his car during a traffic stop conducted by Redding Police officers. Most of those medications, some still in Postal Service packaging, were not prescribed to Wardinski. According to the plea agreement, some of the individuals to whom the medications were prescribed were elderly or disabled and had to obtain replacement drugs from their pharmacies. Many of the medications Wardinski stole were prescribed for pain.

As part of his plea, Wardinski agreed to make restitution to the victims of the offense, estimated to exceed \$4,200.

Wardinski is scheduled to be sentenced by Judge Damrell on August 23, 2010, at

10:00 a.m. The maximum statutory penalty for a violation of mail theft by a postal employee is five years in prison and a fine of up to \$250,000. The actual sentence, however, will be determined at the discretion of the court after consideration of any applicable statutory factors and the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, which take into account a number of variables.

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# FORMER POSTAL EMPLOYEE CONVICTED OF STEALING MONEY FROM US MAIL

April 23, 2010

(HOUSTON) – A former 20-year postal employee has pleaded guilty to stealing money from the U.S. Mail while on duty, United States Attorney José Angel Moreno announced today.

Betty Jo Patterson, 52, of Houston, was indicted on March 17, 2010, and charged with one count of theft of a mail by a postal employee. Today, Patterson pleaded guilty to the federal felony charge before U.S. District Judge Ewing Werlein Jr., admitting to stealing money placed in envelopes which came into her possession while a postal employee.

The investigation conducted by U.S. Postal Service (USPS) inspectors leading to the charges against Patterson began Oct. 24, 2008, after a customer complained to USPS that a letter mailed to his daughter which contained \$10 cash and a \$20 gift card had not been delivered. For several weeks thereafter, in late 2008, postal inspectors began to monitor the mail route of Patterson. Patterson came to the attention of the inspectors after an envelope they sent through the mail along Patterson's route containing cash and a gift card was not received by the postmaster. A USPS inspector later posed as a customer and handed Patterson an envelope to be returned to the post office for delivery. Inside the envelope was \$90 cash. Within approximately two minutes, inspectors learned that the letter had been opened. Inspectors recovered the \$90 inside Patterson's pants pocket.

Following her Nov. 21, 2008, arrest, Patterson confessed her thefts to USPS inspectors. Patterson admitted opening the prepped envelope as well as opening approximately 10 letters over the previous month containing \$50-\$60.

Freed on bond since her arrest, Patterson has been permitted to remain on bond pending her sentencing. Judge Werlein, who accepted Patterson's guilty plea, has set sentencing for Aug. 6, 2010. A conviction for theft of a mail by a postal employee carries a maximum punishment of five years imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine.

Assistant United States Attorney Mark E. Donnelly is prosecuting the case.

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## Alabama Postal Employee Indicted for Mail Theft and Delaying Mail



BIRMINGHAM – A federal grand jury today indicted a U.S. Postal employee for mail violations, announced U.S. Attorney Joyce White Vance and Christopher Nugent, assistant special agent in charge, U.S. Postal Service, Office of Inspector General.

The indictment filed in U.S. District Court charges JERRY WAYNE DILLIARD, 62, of Fayette, with delay and destruction of U.S. mail and theft of mail by a Postal employee, from December 2009 to October 2010. At that time, Dilliard was working as a letter carrier at the Tuscaloosa Post Office.

"The United States mail is one of this country's most respected institutions. Individuals and businesses trust and rely on the efficient operation of the mail system," Vance said. "Anyone who abuses this system does the country a great disservice and should expect to be prosecuted," she said.

Theft of mail matter by a postal employee and delay and destruction of mail are both punishable by a maximum of five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

The U.S. Postal Service, Office of Inspector General, investigated the case. Assistant U.S. Attorney Frank M. Salter is prosecuting the case.

Members of the public are reminded that the indictment contains only charges. A defendant is presumed innocent and it will be the government's burden to prove a defendant's guilt beyond a reasonable doubt at trial.

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## Consumer Complaints & Reviews



Glenda of Wimauma, FL on July 17, 2014

*Satisfaction Rating*

1

I mailed a priority package to Duncan OK last week. Should have arrived Friday of last week to destination. It was sent from Tampa, FL to Capitol Heights, MD, to Rockville, MD, back to Capitol Heights, MD to Rockville, MD to Gaithersburg MD to Greensboro, NC where it has remain for two days. REALLY???? Did it need to take a nap from its travels??? Will it ever reach its destination???? I will use UPS from now on. You took my phone number, etc but have received no calls and get to talk to a person that could help? IMPOSSIBLE. No wonder PO is in trouble!!!

Helpful? YES NO



n. j. of Fredericksburg, VA on July 16, 2014

*Satisfaction Rating*

1

I ordered a package from Justice online on 7/4/14 and it arrived at my local USPS by FedEx on

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7/7/14 at 16 Lichfield Blvd. location in VA. It's now 7/16/14 and still no package. The tracking shows that it's "out for delivery" still, yet it's been 9 days! It shouldn't take 9 days to deliver a package to my house when the post office is 1 mile away. I contacted the local post office, and spoke with \*\*. He has been looking for it and basically keeps telling me he will call me back. He yelled out for \*\*, and asked if he had seen it and he hasn't or doesn't remember. One worker there told me it was scanned in, but that she doesn't know what happened to it after that. She also told me there was a sub working those days and he is very careless and may have put my package in another person's mailbox. (Yes she told me this)

Justice filed a case with USPS and I checked on the status of the case and was told by USPS there was a resolution, which is: they contacted me by phone and left a message?! (Yes! that was the resolution)... NO ONE contacted me - at all. I'm really disappointed because I'm a hardworking mom of 3 and I have no more money to spend on school clothes - that was all I had. Justice blew me off by saying to call corporate and to wait more days. I feel like they don't care either. Please be leery when using USPS. They will lose your package and say take your concerns to Consumer Affairs (I was told that by a USPS rep) and nothing will be done to help you! And Justice was just cheap to send such costly items via FedEx & USPS - they should've just sent it via FEDEX and had them deliver it to my door. If Justice had done that, I would have my package right now! I'm really sad right now!

Helpful? YES NO



lynn of Atlanta, GA on July 13, 2014

Satisfaction Rating

1

Like SO MANY others, I mailed something and insured it. It never arrived so filed a claim only to find that they said it was delivered. I guess everyone knows now that the post office can just scan the item then stick it in their "to take home" box and it will be registered as DELIVERED. Only if you add on the signature required cost can you prove who signed for it. After raising my claim to the highest level, I was still rejected for being compensated. At that point, I said I would NEVER use them to deliver anything timely or important again.

Well, in a rush, I did. Used Priority Mail Express. System says it was delivered the next day at 11:53am. But guess what??? It's not there (surprise!). The signature was waived on the form. Not sure why, I guess I missed that part. A VERY IMPORTANT part. If there is no signature required in any way - THE POST OFFICE VIEWS THIS IS A NOTICE THAT THEY DON'T HAVE TO DELIVER AT ALL. THEY CAN TRASH IT OR TAKE IT HOME. THIS HELPS THEM TO NOT MAKE STOPS AND TRY TO GET RID OF ALL THEIR MAIL SO THEY CAN GO HOME.

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The IRS does it too, all these sorry gov't agencies do this sort of crap. Private sector businesses could never get away with anything like this. Go ahead and cast your vote for the next Democratic president so you can have MORE of your life dictated and ruled by the government. Get ready to have a LOT of frustration with all of your medical care now. Way to go, America.

Helpful? YES NO



Sonia of Douglasville, GA on July 12, 2014

Satisfaction Rating

5

On June 21, I drop yellow small envelope with two hearing aids inside with the value of more than \$4000. I just drop inside the post office in Powder Springs office, 4644 Powder Springs Dallas Rd, Powder Springs, GA 30127. Thinking that in United State post office because it's a Federal Institution nothing couldn't be lost, I sent it in standard mail. I put plenty stamp and the mail was going to the Bronx, New York. It only takes 3 or 4 days to be delivered. The mail never went out. It have not been deliver. Several time I went to the post office in Powder Spring, I spoke to 2 supervisor \*\* and \*\* and they said without tracking number there is nothing we can do. I think someone at the post office took the mail. I know there is camera that they can see, so I need somebody with a good heart to look into and try to find my mail. It's very important to us special for my husband. He needs his hearing aids to perform his job. Please give answer to the request.

Helpful? YES NO



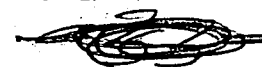
dave of Fort Collins, CO on July 11, 2014

Satisfaction Rating

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Sent a two-volume set of very rare graduate-level books to a customer from CO to FL via media mail. I sell about 20 books per month and haven't had problems doing this in about 5 years. Out of nowhere, they're starting to lose packages. I didn't buy insurance on this set (worth over \$100 - stupid by my own admission), but then again, the chances of losing packages in the past was slim to none. I also ordered a set of books from NASA headquarters, and six weeks later, still nothing. Also didn't receive several letters, one of which contained a \$50 gift card for my son, the other was my vehicle registration sticker. Now I'm at risk for getting a ticket. I know USPS is facing bankruptcy, but that's no excuse if it's going to maintain ongoing operations while it

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undergoes restructuring. Now I pay more (eating into my profits) for tracking, confirmation, and insurance.

Helpful? **YES** **NO**



lissa of Phoenix, AZ on July 8, 2014

Satisfaction Rating

1

I ordered something on eBay. Got tracking on it. It said it was delivered. I have been on the phone for 2 days and they still don't know what happened! One lady said they had two different people working (subs)! Another person said he was standing in front of the postman (one of the subs) right then and he said it was put into my mailbox. NO IT WASN'T. That's why I'm calling jerk. USPS is really slacking. It is NOT the first time they have lost my mail. Really unfair. And the guy I was talking to on the phone was helping another person out with another bad issue! I really think they need to take all of these complaints to heart. IMPROVE.

Helpful? **YES** **NO**



Oluwatosin of Philadelphia, PA on July 5, 2014

Satisfaction Rating

1

I have a package send from USICS, to old address. The actual day the package was to be delivered to the old address, I called this Bronx post office 10456 to please let me come and pick up my package. I was told the package has been send back to the sender, hoping in less than 5 days my package will get there. Since 6/16/2014 my package has been in transit up to date. I regret that USICS had to send my package through USPS. And almost all their customer care assistant doesn't have sense of addressing issue, especially the ladies among them. I keep praying USPS hasn't lost my green-card.... I hate USPS with passion.

Helpful? **YES** **NO**



PRATIK of Livonia, MI on July 3, 2014

Satisfaction Rating

19



I sent a package via USPS Redford Michigan location. It was going to Canada. I sent it via Priority Mail Express International with Guarantee on May 20, 2014. It was to be delivered with guarantee on May 28, 2014. Today is July 3 and still they don't know what happened. I called and they created a case for me since June 6, 2014 and again till today - nobody calls me back. I have called and asked for status - they say they are still looking into it. This was a time-sensitive package. I even bought \$500 insurance. They are not calling back, won't provide refund, neither are they letting me file insurance claim.

Every time I call there is at least a 25 minute wait and then whoever answers - says that they are still looking into it. IT HAS BEEN 44 Days since being sent, and 26 days since case creation. Don't know what else to do. I even faxed them documents as they asked me to - again no call back, no response. DON'T EVER USE USPS for anything. Pay a few dollars more and send by UPS or some other service. I have phone logs, fax confirmations, original receipts, names of individuals I spoke and worked with at USPS location as well as on the phone. Please help....

Helpful? YES NO



Jewel of Atlanta, GA on June 30, 2014

Satisfaction Rating

1

I sent out the wrong item to a customer in FL. After 2 hours, I realize the mistake and since it was priority mail and still in the hands of the local postman/woman, I complete a intercept request and pay a non-refundable fee of \$11.50. Just before the form & payment page says you're all set... a window pops up saying this service is not guaranteed and the earlier you request to stop the shipment is made, the likelier it is to be stopped. I figure I have the best possible chances if this service works at all because my package was just picked up.

Well, I was sadly mistaken!! Over the next 3 days, I monitored the tracking and contacted USPS many, many times as the package - without any attempt to intercept - made its originally expected route into the hands of the wrong customer. I was bewildered! I called USPS to be told, "Sorry, there's nothing we can do - it's non-refundable and not guaranteed." I told them that it was a scam and I wasn't willing to let that be okay. Well he said he understood and proceeded to put me on hold for his sup for the next 57 min!! I then hung up & called back to be put on hold for another 20 min. before I hung up. I wrote & called every possible complaint and report mail fraud #/email. Has anything changed? No! USPS Package Intercept is a scam. USPS offers fraudulent "service". DON'T GET SCAMMED!!!

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Helpful? YES NO



R of Burlington, IA on June 27, 2014

Satisfaction Rating

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Ordered an item from a company based in Oregon. They supplied me with a tracking number for the "first class" package that was being sent to me. Not sure if you caught it but when I searched on the 26th it showed that it had been processed at the Des Moines facility and departed. It doesn't show an arrival scan at my local office. It never arrived on the 26th. So I checked this morning and it had again been processed through the Des Moines facility. Guess what? No arrival scan at my local post office. No delivery made. I called their 800 "customer service" number. The lady made a huge mistake when she said to me that the first process scan was a "system generated scan." Now what did that mean. I'll tell you, that means their system created a bogus scan entry and that they didn't have the item as clearly show since it was "processed" again. Note that it shows it left Des Moines. Also note that it appears that it left before being processed.

This is because the information has been changed by their system. When I started to complain about this the call "mysteriously" disconnected. Called a second time and asked if this is how they handle complaints. "Oh no sir. We certainly do not." I asked for the local post office phone number. Contacted them and half way through my complaint the guy acts like he can't hear me by saying "hello, hello." Then guess what...that's right, disconnected again. Called back and said, "so this is how we deal with delivery issues?" "Oh no sir, I'm not sure what happened." He took down all the information and said he'd call back. Here it is the end of the day and guess what, no call. This happened one other time with a package that was "first class" package with tracking. I can tell them why they are losing money....that are proving time and time again how unreliable they are with packages handling. I have alerted the company that I purchased from of the situation. Hopefully they will no longer use USPS for package shipments.

Helpful? YES NO



Elliot of Coon Valley, WI on June 25, 2014

Satisfaction Rating

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On Friday June 13, 2014 I dropped two greeting cards in the USPS mailbox at Walmart in La

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ABOUT

March 28, 2014

# Postal Worker Charged For Role In Planning Conley, GA Postal Robbery

ATLANTA – LaTonya Evans has been indicted by a federal grand jury on conspiracy and armed robbery charges for her role in planning a postal robbery in Conley, Ga., on December 20, 2013—a robbery that resulted in the near-fatal shooting of a postal truck driver by two other defendants charged with Evans in the same indictment.

"Evans is charged with exploiting her inside knowledge of the Postal Service for personal profit," said United States Attorney Sally Quillian Yates. "The conspiracy she is charged with participating in resulted in the near-death of a fellow postal worker whom Evans knew. The indictment charges that he was shot, bound, and left for dead by Evans' co-defendants. We will always aggressively prosecute anyone who commits this kind of horrendous act."



"The U.S. Postal Inspection Service's mission and priority is the protection of postal employees," said Keith Fixel, Postal Inspector in Charge, Charlotte Division. "Acts of violence are crimes of unspeakable consequences which Postal Inspectors will investigate with rigorous tenacity. While the investigation included a postal employee, Evans' actions do not represent the vast majority of postal employees committed to doing their jobs."

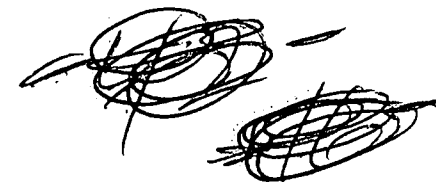
According to United States Attorney Yates, the indictment, and other information presented in court, LaTonya Evans helped to develop the scheme to rob a postal truck, and worked with co-defendants Kendrick Watkins and Charles Jackson to carry out the plan. Evans met with Watkins and Jackson to plan the robbery of the postal truck driver. On December 20, 2013, during a routine pick-up in Conley, Ga., Jackson and Watkins approached the U.S. Postal employee who was driving the truck and demanded the keys to the postal truck. When the victim did not immediately comply, the men shot him in the torso, nearly taking his life. The robbers then bound the victim's feet and took his cell phone so that he could not run or call for help. Jackson and Watkins drove away with the stolen truck and all its contents and met with Evans afterwards to discuss the robbery. The victim was forced to crawl several hundred feet to the nearest road where he flagged down a passerby for help.

LaTonya Evans, 44, of Jackson, Ga., has been charged along with Kendrick Watkins, 39, of Rex, Ga., and Charles Jackson, 55, of Griffin, Ga. Watkins and Jackson are accused of carrying out the armed robbery and shooting.

Members of the public are reminded that the indictment only contains charges. The defendants are presumed innocent of the charges and it will be the government's burden to prove the defendant's guilt beyond a reasonable doubt at trial.

This case is being investigated by the United States Postal Inspection Service.

Assistant United States Attorneys Mary Kruger and John Ghose are prosecuting this case.



## Former U.S. Postal Employees Carol J. And Richard Pazder Plead Guilty To False Statement Offenses

April 07, 2014

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. – On Apr. 4, 2014, Carol J. Pazder, 61, and Richard Pazder, 67, of Maryville, Tenn., appeared in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee at Knoxville. Carol J. Pazder pleaded guilty to providing false statements to obtain federal employees benefits. Her husband, Richard Pazder, pleaded guilty to aiding and abetting in the false statements.

Sentencing is set for 10:00 a.m., Jun. 20, 2014. Both face a term of five years in prison, followed by three years of supervised release, a fine of up to \$250,000.00, and restitution.

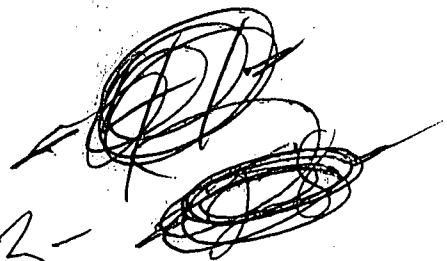
The Pazders were both previously employed by the U.S. Postal Service. Carol J. Pazder claimed false injuries at work. She and her husband Richard Pazder claimed the injuries were so painful she could only walk, stand or sit for a few minutes at a time and was therefore unable to work and collected unemployment compensation. The couple was video-taped taking a cruise, disembarking at three ports of call and walking for hours at a time, followed by a trip to Disneyland.

In December 2013 an indictment, which included the aforementioned charges, was returned against the Pazders by a federal grand jury sitting in Knoxville, Tenn. This indictment was the result of an ongoing investigation by U.S. Postal Service, Office of Inspector General. Jennifer Kolman, Assistant United States Attorney represented the United States.

Department of Justice  
United States Attorney William C. Killian Eastern District of Tennessee



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## ABOUT

# Ex-Postal Employee Sentenced to 18 Months in Prison

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*Michele Smith Stole \$214,017.53 in Postal Money Orders*

PORTLAND, Ore. – U. S. District Court Judge Ancer L. Haggerty sentenced Michele Smith, 51, of Portland, Oregon, to serve 18 months in prison and ordered her to pay \$201,034.74 in restitution to the U. S. Postal Service following last June's guilty plea to one count of stealing government property.

Smith, whose last postal position was Lead Sales and Service Associate at the East Portland Station Post Office, worked for the Postal Service for over ten years until 2009. For approximately nine months, she stole over \$200,000 in money orders. Smith would process fraudulent refunds and then issue the money orders to herself, her family, or to cover her bills. Court documents indicate that Smith used stolen funds to put a down payment on and make payments on two vehicles—one for herself and one for her daughter. She also paid for Disneyland hotel rooms and purchased items from the Danbury Mint, the Doubleday Book Club, Sleep Country, Fingerhut and LL Bean.

"It's always a shock to the history and traditions of the Postal Service when an employee breaks the trust placed in them. The public we serve can be assured this type of behavior will never be tolerated and the USPS Office of Inspector General and the U. S. Attorney's Office will ensure accountability for such behavior, as we did in this incident," said David A. Montoya, Special Agent in Charge, USPS OIG, Western Area Field Office.

The case was investigated by the Office of the Inspector General, U.S. Postal Service, and was prosecuted by Assistant U. S. Attorney Amy E. Potter. The alternate point of contact for media inquiries is John D. Masters, Assistant Special Agent in Charge and Public Information Officer for the Western Area Field Office, USPS OIG. He may be reached at (360) 713-0249.

Sept 16, 2010

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ABOUT

## Former Dallas Mail Handler Sentenced to 5 Years In Prison

June 25, 2010

### FORMER POSTAL EMPLOYEE SENTENCED TO STATUTORY MAXIMUM SENTENCE OF FIVE YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON FOR ROLE IN MAIL THEFT CONSPIRACY

*Defendant Worked as a Mail Handler at Dallas Main Post Office*

DALLAS — A former employee of the U.S. Postal Service, James Olabode Laniyan, was sentenced yesterday by U.S. District Judge Jorge A. Solis to 60 months in federal prison, the statutory maximum, for his role in a mail theft conspiracy, announced U.S. Attorney James T. Jacks of the Northern District of Texas. Judge Solis also ordered that Laniyan pay \$302,620 in restitution for disbursement to Discover Card Services and Capital Bank One Bank. Laniyan, 51, of Grand Prairie, Texas, was ordered to surrender to the Bureau of Prisons on July 28, 2010.

Laniyan pleaded guilty in February 2010 to one count of conspiracy to possess stolen mail matter and commit fraud and related activity in connection with access devices. In January 2010, Laniyan's co-conspirator, Sulaimon Olasode, 36, of Houston, Texas, pleaded guilty to the same offense and was sentenced last month by Judge Solis to 48 months in federal prison and ordered to pay restitution jointly and severally with Laniyan. Olasode is in federal custody; following his sentence, will be referred to U.S. Immigration authorities for deportation to Nigeria.

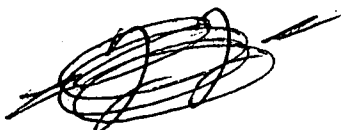
According to documents filed in the case, Laniyan was employed as a mail handler with the U.S. Postal Service at the Dallas Main Post Office. Sometime prior to October 2008, Olasode approached Laniyan about stealing mail from the post office. After considering the money he could make, Laniyan agreed to participate in the conspiracy, which they ran until August 5, 2009.

"The American public trusts the Postal Service to deliver its mail intact. When a postal employee betrays that trust and steals mail, then uses stolen financial information to wreak havoc in the lives of our citizens, Special Agents of the Postal Service's Office of Inspector General investigate. Fortunately, these incidents are not common, and the overwhelming majority of the 600,000 postal employees are honest and hard working. With the prosecutive support of the U.S. Attorney's Office, we will aggressively pursue any employee committing a postal crime," said Max Eamiguel, Executive Special Agent-in-Charge, Office of Inspector General, U.S. Postal Service, Southwest Area Field Office.

Laniyan stole credit cards and credit card customer information by removing letters and parcels from the mail stream and then sent the contents of the stolen mail to Olasode in Houston for him to activate and use the stolen credit cards in the Houston area. In February 2009, members of Discover Financial Services Organized Crime Unit identified more than 40 credit cards mailed to customers in the Dallas area that were never received and later compromised. The vast majority of the compromised cards were being fraudulently used in the Houston, Katy, Sugarland and Richmond, Texas, areas.

Approximately 150 victims had their Capital One or Discover credit cards stolen in the scheme.

The case was investigated by the U.S. Postal Service – Office of Inspector General and the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office.

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**SOUTH CAROLINA SUPREME COURT**

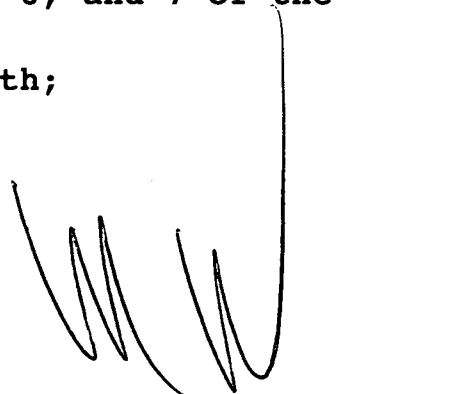
**Supreme Court Number 2014-001246**

**Mell Woods, Petitioner, v. John D. Hinson, Respondent**

**AFFIDAVIT**

Mell Woods, affiant herein being first duly deposed makes the following sworn statement upon the personal knowledge of affiant; paragraph 7 of the foregoing pleading entitled Reply and contained on pages 5, 6, and 7 of the referred to document is the truth;

Further, affiant saith not.



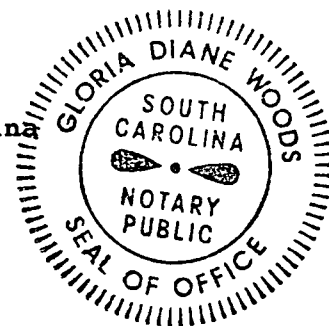
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Sworn to and subscribed before me,

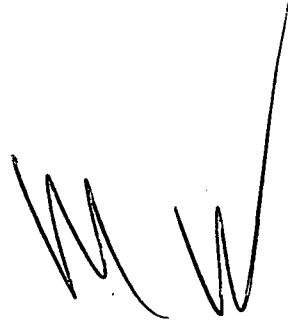
This 29 day of July, 2014.



Gloria Diane Woods, Notary Public for South Carolina  
My commission expires Jan 08, 2018.



Respectfully submitted,  
this 29 day of July, 2014.

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Mell Woods

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Supreme Court Number 2014-001246

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Appeal from Chester County  
Court of Common Pleas  
Brooks P. Goldsmith, Circuit Court Judge

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I hereby certify that I have on the 29 day of July, 2014,  
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