

California Postal Employee Pleads Guilty to Mail Theft

A major DVD movie rental company alerted us about the possible theft of inbound DVD movies at the San Bernardino P&DC. The company's records indicated that between January and October 2006, customers reported not receiving 9,303 DVD movies. Our investigation determined that a Mail Handler was responsible for the rifling and theft of the DVD mailings. In addition, the Mail Handler was responsible for the theft of mailings from other mailers of DVD movies, video game discs, and other mail matter. We executed a federal search warrant at the employee's residence and seized more than 5,000 discs valued at approximately \$75,765. The employee was removed from the Postal Service, and in March 2007, pled guilty to one count of Theft of Mail. The employee was sentenced to 3 years of probation, 12 months of home detention, and 100 hours of community service.