

## **Phoenix Postal Employee Indicted for Dumping Mail**

A Phoenix, Arizona, federal grand jury indicted a former postal employee for dumping First-Class Mail, after an investigation by Special Agents of the U.S. Postal Service Office of Inspector General (USPS OIG). The Phoenix employee was charged with ten counts of Delay or Destruction of Mail by a Postal Employee, a federal charge that carries up to 5 years in prison, a \$250,000 fine, or both for each charge. The indictment charges the employee (at the time), with depositing mail into a trash bag and throwing it away rather than delivering it to the addressees.

“U. S. Postal Service employees are given a special trust to properly handle mail that comes into their possession. When even one postal employee violates that trust, it is a cause of concern for all of us as customers of the mail system,” said U.S. Attorney Paul K. Charlton.