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## POSTAL EMPLOYEE CONVICTED OF FEDERAL WORKER'S COMP FRAUD CHARGES

**MARTINSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA**— A 47 year old Rippon, West Virginia, resident was convicted by a Federal Trial Jury on March 31, 2005, in United States District Court for the Northern District of West Virginia in Martinsburg before Judge W. Craig Broadwater.

United States Attorney Thomas E. Johnston announced that **BRIAN TRIBBLE**, of Earl Ellifritz Drive, Rippon, West Virginia, was convicted on 26 counts of an Indictment after a four-day trial. **TRIBBLE**, an employee of the United States Postal Service, was convicted on two counts of devising a scheme to defraud the Federal Workers Compensation system by concealing the true nature of his physical condition from the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs. He was convicted of five mail fraud counts as the result of his mailing and causing the mailing of documents in furtherance of his scheme, and 19 wire fraud counts representing the wire transfers of Workers' Compensation payments into his bank account. The offenses took place between December 2, 2000, and November 2003 in Rippon and Charles Town, West Virginia.

**TRIBBLE**, who is currently free on bond pending sentencing, faces a maximum exposure of 20 years imprisonment and a fine of \$250,000 on the mail fraud counts and wire fraud counts; and a maximum exposure of five years imprisonment and a fine of \$250,000 on the Workers' Compensation fraud convictions.

"The United States Attorney's Office is committed to prosecuting those persons who defraud the federal Workers' Compensation system in an attempt to collect benefits to which they are not entitled," stated USA Johnston. "I commend the United States Postal Service – Office of Inspector General and the United States Department of Labor – Office of Workers Compensation Programs and Office of Inspector General for their outstanding investigation in this case."

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**The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Paul T. Camilletti and Assistant United States Attorney Shawn Angus Morgan. The case was investigated by the United States Postal Inspection Service – Office of Inspector General and the United States Department of Labor – Office of Workers Compensation Programs and Office of Inspector General.**

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