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RURAL CARRIER ARRESTED FOR THEFT OF MAIL

(HOUSTON, Texas) – Rural carrier Shandel Nicole Lott, of Houston, Texas, has been arrested for theft of U.S. mail, U.S. Attorney Don DeGabrielle announced today.

Lott was indicted Dec. 13, 2007, on two counts of mail theft resulting from an investigation into complaints of missing mail by customers residing on rural route 003 at the East Houston Post Office, 9604 Mesa Road, Houston, Texas. Investigators determined Lott was assigned to deliver rural route 003 at the time the customers' mail was supposed to be delivered. Additional complaints had also been received concerning other routes to which Lott had been assigned.

Lott began her employment with the United States Postal Service as a rural relief carrier in June 2005 and typically worked on a variety of routes approximately one day per week. If convicted, Lott faces a maximum penalty of five years imprisonment and/or a \$250,000 fine on each count of the indictment. Lott is scheduled for an arraignment Dec. 28, 2007, before U.S. Magistrate Judge Mary Milloy.

This investigation leading to Lott's indictment and arrest was conducted by special agents with U.S. Postal Service's Office of Inspector General and will be prosecuted by Special Assistant United States Attorney Tammie Y. Moore.

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