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**Investigative Activities Conducted by Office of Inspector General
at Two Michigan Post Offices**

Washington, DC -- Acting on allegations of employee misconduct at the Grand Rapids, Michigan Northwest Station and the Battle Creek Post Office, Special Agents of the Postal Service's Office of Inspector General (OIG) interviewed employees at both offices this morning. The OIG was responding to reports by postal management of instances of intentional discarding and delaying of mail by postal personnel and fortunately, no political mailings were delayed or discarded.

The five-week investigation into the misconduct included surveillance by investigators and involved the cooperation of postal management. Investigative results are being furnished to postal management for consideration of any disciplinary action. Egregious cases will be presented to the United States Attorney for possible criminal prosecution. The OIG is aware of the operational needs of the Post Offices and is working with postal management to ensure mail service will not be disrupted.

The ongoing investigation is part of the OIG's mission of preventing and detecting fraud, waste and misconduct in the Postal Service and promoting the integrity and efficiency of postal programs. The Postal Service's support was instrumental in this investigative effort.