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FORMER LETTER CARRIER ACCUSED OF MAIL THEFT

STOLEN CHECKS ALLEGED TO TOTAL OVER \$100,000

United States Attorney Colm F. Connolly today announced the indictment of Kristen Nowack, 28, a former postal employee who was charged with stealing checks out of the mail she was responsible for delivering.

According to the Indictment, between June 2005, and August 19, 2005, Nowack, who then was a letter carrier for the U.S. Postal Service, stole at least 50 checks from the mail that she was charged with delivering. The checks totaled in excess of \$100,000.

U.S. Attorney Connolly said of the case: "Delawareans should be able to trust that letter carriers will deliver the mail to its proper destinations. When a postal service employee steals funds from the mail to line her own pockets, she abuses not only the trust of her fellow postal employees, but the trust of the public as well."

The case was investigated by United States Postal Inspection Service. Assistant U.S. Attorney Beth Moskow-Schnoll is prosecuting the case.

If convicted, Nowack faces a maximum sentence of 5 years imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine.

Members of the public are reminded that an indictment is only an accusation and that a defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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