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INDIANAPOLIS MAN INDICTED FOR MAIL THEFT \$131,000 Worth of Stolen Mail

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that MARIO ROBINSON, 25, Indianapolis, Indiana, was indicted by a federal grand jury sitting in Indianapolis for bank fraud and mail theft, following an investigation by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service.

The indictment alleges that ROBINSON undertook a bank fraud scheme whereby stolen mail was used to obtain bank account information, which was then used to make \$131,000 in fraudulent cash withdrawals at various banks on those victim's banking accounts. ROBINSON was apprehended in Marion County, Indiana following a call by a victim of one of the mail thefts from a residential mailbox.

According to Assistant U. S. Attorney Doris L. Pryor, who is prosecuting the case for the government, ROBINSON faces a maximum possible prison sentence of 30 years and a maximum possible fine of \$1,000,000 for the bank fraud charge. ROBINSON faces a maximum possible prison sentence of 5 years and a maximum possible fine of \$250,000 for the mail theft charge. An initial hearing will be scheduled before a U.S. Magistrate Judge in Indianapolis.

The indictment is an allegation only, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at trial or by guilty plea.

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