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Event: Guilty Plea

Defendant: Gregory Mathis

DETROIT MAN FOUND GUILTY OF ROBBING OF A POSTAL CARRIER

Gregory Mathis, age 21, of Detroit, was found guilty by a federal jury in Detroit, Michigan yesterday, on two counts of an Indictment charging him with aiding and abetting the robbery of a postal carrier and possession of stolen mail acting United States Attorney Terence Berg announced today.

The jury deliberated for a little more than 4 hours before returning the verdict, concluding a trial that began on February 24, 2009, before United States District Judge John Corbett O'Meara.

Berg was joined in the announcement by Joseph Pirone, Inspector in Charge, Detroit Division, United States Postal Inspection Service.

The evidence at trial showed that on May 1, 2008, Mathis and three other individuals robbed a postal carrier at gun point on the corner of Hendrie and E. Grand Boulevard in the city of Detroit. Mathis, and the others stole Supplemental Security Income (SSI) checks issued by the State of Michigan from the postal carrier's vehicle.

Acting U.S. Attorney Berg said, "Anyone who assaults, robs or otherwise harms a U.S. Postal carrier who is carrying out his official duties can expect a swift and severe response from our office."

Detroit Inspector-in-Charge Joseph A. Pirone stated "Letter carriers are visible by necessity, and unfortunately that could make them a target. Because protecting our employees is a core mission of the Postal Inspection Service, robberies receive our priority attention. Postal Inspectors take each incident very seriously."

The defendant faces a maximum term of imprisonment of 25 years imprisonment. Sentencing is scheduled for May 26, 2009.

The case was investigated by Postal Inspectors of the United States Postal Inspection Service and prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Regina McCullough.