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Event: Sentenced

Defendant: Matthew E. English

MT. PLEASANT MAN SENTENCED  
FOR DEFRAUDING THE UNITED STATES

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A 49-year-old Mt. Pleasant, Michigan man was sentenced on February 26, 2009 to 24 months in federal prison following his guilty plea last October for conspiring to defraud the United States Postal Service, Acting United States Attorney Terrence Berg announced today.

Berg was joined in the announcement by Joseph A. Pirone, Jr., Inspector In Charge of the Detroit Division of the United States Postal Inspection Service - Criminal Investigations.

Matthew E. English was sentenced in U.S. District Court by Judge Thomas L. Ludington. In addition to the prison sentence, Judge Ludington ordered English to pay restitution of \$428,559.48, to the United States Postal Service.

English was charged in 33 counts of a 50-count indictment along with co-defendant Bobbie Jean Sinko. The indictment alleges that Sinko, who was a bulk mail technician at the Mt. Pleasant post office for many years, and English, the owner of English Direct Mail Services LLC in Mt. Pleasant, a company which prepared bulk mail for submission to the post office

which would then be submitted to the Mt. Pleasant postal facility for delivery, conspired to defraud the postal service of hundred of thousands of dollars. Sinko and English are also jointly named in 25 separate counts of defrauding the postal service in a series of mailings beginning in 2005 and extending through the fall of 2007. Sinko's trial is scheduled to begin with jury selection in Bay City on March 4th.

After serving his federal imprisonment term of 24 months, English will be on supervised release for an additional 2 years.

Acting United States Attorney Terrence Berg said, "Any collusion between a U.S. Postal Service employee and a private mail service to defraud the United States Postal system presents a serious criminal undertaking that my office will not allow to continue. We are committed to investigating and prosecuting these types of cases and commend the U.S. Postal Inspection Service for their thorough investigation of this matter."

Inspector Pirone added, "Protecting Postal Service revenue is a key function of the Postal Inspection Service. This case shows law enforcement's obligation to pursuing criminal schemes and ruining a thief's ability to execute them."

This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney James A. Brunson.