

Montana Postal Retail Clerk Sentenced in Embezzlement/Kiting of Money Order Funds Scheme

A former Montana Postal Service Retail clerk was sentenced to 5 years probation, 2 months of home arrest, and restitution of nearly \$16,000, in December 2006, for embezzling money order funds. A U.S. Postal Service Office of Inspector General (USPS OIG) investigation disclosed the clerk issued 60 money orders for which she did not remit postal funds. She also sold 30 additional money orders (totaling \$8,772) that were not deposited in a timely manner. The clerk perpetuated a personal short-term loan scheme by reporting the sale of money orders from 13 to 54 days after the date of issuance. The clerk resigned in January 2006.