



United States Attorney's Office  
Western District of Pennsylvania

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POSTAL EMPLOYEE CHARGED WITH STEALING, PASSING FORGED TREASURY CHECKS

United States Attorney Mary Beth Buchanan announced today, December 11, 2007, that James C. Brown of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, has been indicted by a federal grand jury in Pittsburgh on charges of theft of mail and passing forged U.S. Treasury checks.

The 3-count indictment named Brown, age 54, as the sole defendant.

According to the indictment, it is alleged that Postal Service employee James C. Brown stole two United States Treasury checks addressed to a resident of a Centre Avenue apartment building, and thereafter passed those checks, bearing the forged endorsements of the payee.

Assistant United States Attorney Leo M. Dillon, who presented the case to the grand jury, indicated that the law provides for a maximum total sentence of 25 years in prison, a fine of \$750,000, or both. Under the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, the actual sentence imposed would be based upon the seriousness of the offense and the prior criminal history, if any, of the defendant.

The United States Postal Service, Office of Inspector General, conducted the investigation leading to the indictment in this case.

An indictment is only a charge and is not evidence of guilt. A defendant is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial at which the government must prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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