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WINDOW CLERK CONVICTED FOR SUBMITTING FALSE FINANCIAL REPORTS

(HOUSTON) – A federal jury has convicted a former window clerk for making false financial reports, acting United States Attorney Tim Johnson announced today.

Calvin Williams, 61, of Spring, Texas, who had worked for the U.S. Postal Service since 1992, was convicted of making false entries in financial reports on Dec. 2, 2008. The jury returned its verdict following the two-day trial after 30 minutes of deliberation.

During trial, the jury heard testimony establishing that Williams had been assigned to the Panther Creek Postal Store in The Woodlands, Texas, for approximately six years. A review of postage stamp stock accountability assigned to the station revealed a pattern of stock shortages when compared to the entries of actual postage stamp sales at that facility. Jurors heard testimony that thereafter, agents with the U.S. Postal Service – Office of Inspector General, began to monitor the activities of the window clerks at the Panther Creek Station from the period beginning May 2006 to September 2006. Upon doing so, Williams was observed as he entered cash paying customers' postage stamp purchases as a non-revenue line item or "no sale" transaction. Jurors heard testimony, reviewed documentary evidence and surveillance video clips which, collectively, depicted Williams making more than 100 false and fictitious entries of stamp purchases with the intent to deceive the U.S. Postal Service.

United States District Judge Kenneth M. Hoyt, who presided over the trial, has set sentencing for March 2, 2008. Williams, originally charged with one count of making false entries, faces a maximum penalty of 10 years imprisonment and/or a \$250,000 fine. Williams was released on bond after surrendering to federal authorities following his indictment on Oct. 8, 2008, and has been permitted to remain free on bond pending his sentencing.

The case was tried by Special Assistant United States Attorney Tammie Y. Moore.

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