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MARYSVILLE MAN INDICTED ON MAIL THEFT AND DESTRUCTION CHARGES

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—Acting United States Attorney Lawrence G. Brown announced today that a federal grand jury returned a 19-count indictment charging DEAN EDWARD HUDSON, 29, of Marysville, Calif. with theft of mail by a postal employee and delay or destruction of mail by a postal employee.

This case is the product of an investigation by the United States Postal Service Office of the Inspector General.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Jean M. Hobler, who is prosecuting the case, the indictment alleges that from July 2008 until December 2008, HUDSON, in the course of his work at the United States Postal Service's Marysville Processing and Distribution Facility, opened greeting cards entrusted to his care and in many instances took items, including cash, out of the cards.

HUDSON is due to appear in court this afternoon at 2:00 P.M. for an arraignment.

The maximum statutory penalty for each of the violations is five years in prison, a fine, or both. However, the actual sentence will be dictated by the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, which take into account a number of factors, and will be imposed at the discretion of the court.

The charges are only allegations and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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