



United States Attorney's Office
Western District of Pennsylvania

POSTAL EMPLOYEE ADMITS STEALING, CASHING U.S. TREASURY CHECKS

United States Attorney Mary Beth Buchanan announced today, June 13, 2008, that James C. Brown, a resident of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, pleaded guilty in federal court to charges of theft of mail and passing forged U.S. Treasury checks.

Brown, age 54, pleaded guilty to three counts before United States District Judge Joy Flowers Conti.

In connection with the guilty plea, Assistant United States Attorney Leo M. Dillon advised the court that Postal Service employee James C. Brown stole 2 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.

Judge Conti scheduled sentencing for October 24, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. 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 offenses and the prior criminal history, if any, of the defendant.

Pending sentencing, the court continued the defendant's bond.

The United States Postal Service, Office of Inspector General, conducted the investigation that led to the prosecution of Brown.

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