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MAIL CARRIER SENTENCED FOR OBSTRUCTION OF THE MAIL

PRESS RELEASE

Timothy M. Morrison, Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that JOHN R. JORDAN, 48, Knightstown, Indiana, was sentenced to three years probation today by U.S. Magistrate Judge Kennard P. Foster following his guilty plea to obstruction of the mail. This case was the result of an investigation by the United States Postal Inspection Service and the United States Postal Service Office of Inspector General.

On July 11, 2007, JORDAN was assigned a postal delivery route in Greenfield, Indiana. On that day, JORDAN made one delivery to an address on his route and disappeared. His undelivered mail, scanner, cell phone and wallet were all found inside his locked postal delivery truck. On July 14, 2007, JORDAN was arrested by Columbus, Indiana police in a Columbus laundromat and charged with unlawful possession of a handgun.

JORDAN had deposited some of his own blood on his mail vehicle and then traveled to Columbus on the White River by kayak. The evidence presented today indicated that the government spent nearly \$160,000 in its efforts to locate JORDAN, who postal authorities feared had been abducted against his will.

According to Assistant United States Attorney James M. Warden, who prosecuted the case for the government, Magistrate Foster also imposed 300 hours of community service.

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