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FORMER EMPLOYEE OF RINDGE POST OFFICE SENTENCED FOR OBSTRUCTING U.S. MAIL

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE – United States Attorney Tom Colantuono reports that a 52-year-old Kathy Kelley was sentenced to pay a \$3,000 fine today for the misdemeanor of obstructing the U.S. mail.

Kelley was formerly employed at the Rindge, New Hampshire, Post Office as a part-time Distribution Window Clerk and Acting Supervisor. From about April, 2007, through about May, 2007, while she was employed at the Post Office, she diverted several pieces of mail addressed to other persons to her personal post office box and opened other pieces of mail that were not addressed to her. Kelley removed nominal amounts of cash from some of these mail items and eventually either returned these pieces of mail to the mail stream at the Post Office or discarded them.

On July 15, 2008, Kelley pleaded guilty to the federal misdemeanor of obstructing the U.S. mail. Today, in United States District Court in Concord, New Hampshire, Kelley was sentenced to pay a \$3,000 fine.

This case was investigated by the Office of the Inspector General of the United States Postal Service. It was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Mark S. Zuckerman.