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**RURAL CARRIER ARRESTED FOR THEFT OF MAIL**

(HOUSTON, Texas) – Staci Allen, 27, of Conroe, Texas, has been indicted for theft of mail, United States Attorney Don DeGabielle announced today. Having agreed to voluntarily surrender, Allen was taken into custody today at her current Houston residence by United States Postal Service-Office of Inspector General (USPS-OIG) agents.

Allen appeared before U.S. Magistrate Judge Frances H. Stacey and has been ordered released on a \$20,000 bond. Allen has pleaded not guilty.

A federal grand jury returned a two-count indictment on July 24, 2008, charging Allen with mail theft. The charges are the result of an investigation conducted by special agents of USPS-OIG into complaints of missing parcels by postal customers along delivery routes in Willis, Texas. Allen was assigned to service these routes.

Allen began her employment with the USPS as a rural carrier associate on Nov. 15, 2003. If convicted, Allen faces a maximum penalty of five years imprisonment and/or a \$250,000 fine on each count of the indictment.

USPS-OIG investigated. The case will be tried by Special Assistant United States Attorney Tammie Y. Moore.

**An indictment is a formal accusation of criminal conduct, not evidence. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until convicted through due process of law.**

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