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**INDIANAPOLIS MAN SENTENCED FOR
GOVERNMENT THEFT
PRESS RELEASE**

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that STEPHEN R. BASEY, 58, Indianapolis, Indiana, was sentenced today to 1 month community confinement and 5 months home detention by U.S. District Judge David F. Hamilton following his guilty plea to theft of government money, following an investigation by the U.S. Postal Service, Office of Inspector General.

From June 29, 2003, until November 23, 2005, BASEY, formerly a customer service supervisor at the Park Fletcher post office in Indianapolis, took approximately \$20,337 from the United States Postal Service. BASEY accomplished this theft by submitting 78 fraudulent claims for reimbursement to the Postal Service over the time period of his scheme.

According to Assistant United States Attorney James M. Warden, who is prosecuting the case for the government, Judge Hamilton also imposed 2 years probation, 40 hours community service and a \$2,000 fine. BASEY has already paid full restitution to the government.

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