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FORMAL POSTAL EMPLOYEE SENTENCED FOR THEFT

PRESS RELEASE

Timothy M. Morrison, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that MICHAEL W. POINDEXTER, 53, Indianapolis, Indiana, was sentenced to 2 years probation and ordered to make \$8,000 restitution yesterday by U.S. District Judge Larry J. McKinney following his guilty plea to misappropriation of postal funds. This case was the result of an investigation by the U.S. Postal Service, Office of Inspector General.

POINDEXTER was a U.S. Postal Service Sales and Services Associate employed at the Speedway Post Office. Based upon reports of cash losses at that office, activity of the various employees were reviewed by agents of the Postal Service, Office of Inspector General. This review determined that POINDEXTER under-reported stamp sales by not ringing up numerous cash sales transactions, and then converted the sales proceeds funds to himself. Based upon the audit conducted it was estimated that POINDEXTER stole approximately \$8,800 in postal funds between July and December 2007.

According to Assistant United States Attorney James M. Warden, who prosecuted the case for the government, when confronted by Postal Service investigators, POINDEXTER admitted that he had been stealing postal funds, but insisted that the amount did not exceed \$1,000.

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