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## **FORMER POSTMASTER RELIEF ADMITS TO EMBEZZLING \$51,161 IN POSTAL FUNDS**

Richard S. Hartunian, United States Attorney for the Northern District of New York, announced that **ANDREA LYNCH**, age 30, of Clayton, N.Y., pled guilty today to the felony offense of Misappropriation of Postal Funds, before the Hon. Glenn T. Suddaby in the United States District Court in Syracuse, New York. Sentencing for **LYNCH** is scheduled for November 9, 2012. As a result of the conviction, **LYNCH** is facing a term of imprisonment of up to ten years, followed by a term of supervised release of up to three years, a fine of up to \$250,000, and a special assessment of \$100.

**LYNCH** admitted that while working at the Theresa, Fishers Landing and LaFargeville Post Offices, she embezzled 231 money orders, totaling \$51,161.51, without purchasing or processing any of the money orders through the St. Louis Federal Reserve, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1711. **LYNCH** admitted to using the money orders to support her heroin addiction.

The investigation of **LYNCH** began in August 2010, when Special Agents with the United States Postal Service, Office of Inspector General, reviewed records from the Theresa Post Office as a result of numerous money orders being processed after the date they were cashed.

This prosecution was handled in the United States Attorney's Office by Assistant U.S. Attorney Tamara B. Thomson. Further information can be directed to the United States Attorney's Office at (315) 448-0672.