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## **Postal Employee Sentenced Stealing Gift Cards From Mail**

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Tampa, Florida - United States District Judge Richard A. Lazzara today sentenced Kimberly L. Hunter (41, Dundee, Florida) to one year and one day in federal prison for theft of mail by a Postal Service employee. She pled guilty on March 30, 2012.

According to court documents, from December 2010 through July 11, 2011, Hunter worked in Winter Haven as a distribution clerk at the Florence Villa Station. As a distribution clerk, she had access to mail on a daily basis. During this period, Hunter stole approximately 122 known pieces of mail and took gift cards from inside the pieces of mail. The total loss amount sustained by Postal Service customers was \$5,147.00. At the time of her arrest, Hunter had been employed by the United States Postal Service (USPS) for approximately 15 years.

This case was investigated by the United States Postal Service, Office of Inspector General. It was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Rachelle DesVaux Bedke.

[http://www.justice.gov/usao/flm/press/2012/june/20120615\\_Hunter.html](http://www.justice.gov/usao/flm/press/2012/june/20120615_Hunter.html)