

## **Convicted Former Mail Handler to Pay \$393,000 for Workers' Compensation Fraud**

A proactive review of records determined that a former New York Mail Handler concealed his business enterprises from the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP) while receiving compensation payments on the periodic roll. The Mail Handler injured his back in 1988, and began receiving workers' compensation payments in 1989. Our review revealed that while receiving workers' compensation payments, the former Mail Handler bought and sold cars for his wife's automobile sales business.

During the execution of a federal search warrant in March 2007, United States Postal Service Office of Inspector General (OIG) special agents obtained evidence confirming that the former Mail Handler also operated a sign-making business and a driveway-sealing business. In June 2007, the Mail Handler retired from the Postal Service, and in August, he pled guilty in federal court to committing fraud to obtain federal employee compensation. The former Mail Handler agreed to pay \$392,864 in restitution. Sentencing is scheduled for December 2007. The Postal Service will realize a cost avoidance of \$595,140.