



United States Attorney's Office
Western District of Pennsylvania

RURAL MAIL CARRIER INDICTED ON DELAY OF MAIL CHARGE

United States Attorney Mary Beth Buchanan announced today, December 11, 2007, that Jeffrey C. Booker of New Salem, Pennsylvania, has been indicted by a federal grand jury in Pittsburgh on a charge of delay of mail by postal employee.

The one-count indictment named Booker, age 28, as the sole defendant.

According to the indictment, Booker, a Rural Carrier Associate, did unlawfully secrete, detain and delay approximately 18,396 pieces of standard mail, 17 pieces of first-class mail, 20 pieces of certified first-class mail and 5 parcels (of various mail classes) which had been entrusted to him and which had come into his possession intended to be conveyed by United States mail.

Assistant United States Attorney Leo M. Dillon, who presented the case to the grand jury, indicated that the law provides for a maximum total sentence of 5 years in prison, a fine of \$250,000, or both. Under the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, the actual sentence imposed would be based upon the seriousness of the offense and the prior criminal history, if any, of the defendant.

The United States Postal Service, Office of Inspector General, conducted the investigation leading to the indictment in this case.

An indictment is only a charge and is not evidence of guilt. A defendant is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial at which the government must prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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