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NEWS RELEASE

United States Attorney Glenn T. Suddaby announced today that David P. VanDeusen, 56, of Tully, New York, pled guilty today in U.S. District Court in Syracuse, New York to defrauding the Federal Worker's Compensation System. VanDeusen admitted that he had made false written statements in connection with his worker's compensation award in May of 2006. VanDeusen falsely advised the federal Office of Worker's Compensation Program that he was unable to work and was not working. In fact, David P. VanDeusen was actively engaged in the operation of three businesses, "Double D Auto Sales", "Super Seal of Central New York" and "Affordable Sign Company", all of which do business in the Syracuse area. VanDeusen has been on federal Worker's Compensation relating to his job as a mail handler at the United States Postal Service in Syracuse since 1988.

Sentencing before Chief U.S. District Judge Norman A. Mordue is scheduled for December 13, 2007 in Syracuse. As part of his plea of guilty, VanDeusen has agreed to pay restitution to the United States Postal Service in the amount of

\$392,863.76, which represents the total amount of Worker's Compensation benefits paid to him since 1988. VanDeusen faces a maximum possible sentence of up to five (5) years imprisonment, a fine of \$250,000.00 and a period of supervised release following any jail sentence.

This case was jointly investigated by the United States Postal Service, Office of Inspector General; Social Security Administration, Office of Inspector General; and the U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Inspector General.

This prosecution was handled in the United States Attorney's Office by Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard R. Southwick. Further inquiries can be directed to the United States Attorney's Office at 315-448-0672.