



**United States Attorney's Office District of
Connecticut
Press Release**

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BROOKLYN WOMAN ADMITS STEALING MAIL

Kevin J. O'Connor, United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut, announced that RENEE GAUGH, 28, of Brooklyn, Connecticut, pleaded guilty today before Senior United States District Judge Alfred V. Covello in Hartford to one count of theft of mail.

According to documents filed with the Court and statements made in court, GAUGH was employed by a contractor who performed custodial services at the Gales Ferry Post Office. In pleading guilty, GAUGH admitted that, from December 2006 to February 2007, she stole mail by removing letters and greeting cards from a mail collection hamper in the main work room of the Post Office. Specifically, on February 1, 2007, GAUGH stole an envelope that contained a \$50.00 *Best Buy* gift card.

Judge Covello has scheduled sentencing for May 7, 2008, at which time GAUGH faces a maximum term of imprisonment of five years and a fine of up to \$250,000.

The case was investigated by the United States Postal Service Office of the Inspector General and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney James G. Genco.

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