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## **FORMER MAIL CARRIER INDICTED FOR HOARDING MAIL**

**SPRINGFIELD, Mo.** – John F. Wood, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced today that a former rural letter carrier has been indicted by a federal grand jury for not delivering mail along his Strafford, Mo., area route.

**Gregory Bennett Stewart**, 37, of Branson, Mo. (formerly of Springfield, Mo.), was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Springfield on Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2007. **Stewart** was a rural carrier associate with the Strafford Post Office from Nov. 16, 2002, to Feb. 28, 2007.

The federal indictment alleges that **Stewart** kept approximately 80 pieces of first class mail and 531 pieces of standard mail between March 12, 2004, and Jan. 18, 2007.

Wood cautioned that the charges contained in this indictment is simply an accusation, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charge must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard E. Monroe. It was investigated by the U.S. Postal Service, Office of Inspector General and the U.S. Postal Inspection Service.

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