

# Former Massachusetts Postal Service Employee Sentenced for Theft of Mail

A former Roslindale Post Office employee was sentenced today in federal court in Boston in connection with embezzling mail.

Megan Hawes, 29, of Roslindale, was sentenced by U.S. District Court Judge Denise J. Casper to two years of supervised release and 80 hours of community service. In December 2018, Hawes pleaded guilty to one count of theft of mail matter by a Postal Service employee.

From September 2016 to May 2018, Hawes was employed by the United States Postal Service (USPS) as a postal carrier assigned to Roslindale. While in that capacity, between approximately March 2017 and May 10, 2018, Hawes embezzled and stole more than 9,700 pieces of U.S. mail that she never delivered. She sifted through and stole the contents of some of the mail that contained cash and gift cards. On May 10, 2018, USPS was notified that there was a car at an impound lot in Weymouth that contained voluminous amounts of undelivered and opened mail. USPS determined Hawes had used that car while in her postal carrier capacity. That same day, USPS interviewed Hawes, who ultimately admitted that she had been stealing mail and not delivering it. She also admitted to opening some of the stolen parcels looking for cash and gift cards.

United States Attorney Andrew E. Lelling; Matthew Modafferi, Special Agent in Charge of the U.S. Postal Service, Office of Inspector General, Northeast Area Field Office; and Weymouth Police Chief Richard C. Grimes made the announcement today. Assistant U.S. Attorney Suzanne Sullivan Jacobus of Lelling's Major Crimes Unit prosecuted the case.