

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA : Hon.
 :
 v. : Crim. No. 23-
 :
 JOSEPH J. FENUTO : 18 U.S.C. § 1708

I N F O R M A T I O N

The defendant having waived in open court prosecution by Indictment, the United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey charges:

1. At all times relevant to this Information, defendant JOSEPH J. FENUTO was employed by the United States Postal Service (“USPS”) as a City Carrier at the USPS’s Blackwood Station in Blackwood, New Jersey (the “Blackwood Station”).

2. As part of his duties, FENUTO typically was assigned to deliver and pick up mail on a postal route that included the Gloucester Premium Outlets in Blackwood. As part of his duties, FENUTO would accept parcels from the retail establishments containing cash that the retail establishments were mailing to a bank in Cincinnati, Ohio.

3. On multiple dates from in or about November 2021 through in or about August 2022, after picking up these parcels at the Gloucester Premium Outlets as part of his route, FENUTO stole them and the cash they contained. Because FENUTO stole these parcels, they never arrived at their intended destination.

4. For example, on or about January 4, 2022, FENUTO accepted two parcels from a retail store at the Gloucester Premium Outlets which contained, respectively, \$8,483.68 and \$6,982.50 in United States currency. FENUTO accepted a third parcel from another retail store at the Gloucester Premium Outlets on the same date which contained approximately \$1,724.84 in cash. FENUTO scanned each parcel with a USPS-issued scanner recording that each had been taken into his possession. No further scans were recorded by USPS for these parcels, which would ordinarily occur during transit to their intended destination. These three parcels never reached their intended destination in Cincinnati, Ohio. On or about January 6, 2022, two days after obtaining these three parcels, FENUTO deposited \$2,500 in cash into a bank account he maintained. The following day, on or about January 7, 2022, FENUTO deposited an additional \$600.00 in cash into the same account and approximately \$2,450 in cash into a second bank account.

5. On or about July 5, 2022, FENUTO accepted two parcels from a retail store at the Gloucester Premium Outlets which contained, respectively, \$4,579.43 and \$4,592.58 in United States currency. FENUTO accepted a third parcel from another retail store on the same date which contained approximately \$4,920 in cash. FENUTO scanned each parcel with a USPS-issued scanner recording that each had been taken into his possession. No further scans were recorded by USPS for these parcels, and they never reached their intended destination in Cincinnati, Ohio. On or about July 7, 2022, two days later, FENUTO deposited \$5,500 in cash into his bank account.

6. From in or about November 2021 to in or about August 2022, fifty-eight parcels were reported as missing by stores at the Gloucester Premium Outlets, containing a total of approximately \$171,109.55 in United States currency. All fifty-eight parcels were scanned by FENUTO after he took possession of them while working as a City Carrier based at the Blackwood Station. No additional scans were reported for these parcels, and none of them reached their intended destination in Cincinnati, Ohio.

7. From in or about November 2021 through in or about August 2022, in Gloucester County, in the District of New Jersey, and elsewhere, defendant

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did knowingly and intentionally steal and take from and out of the mail, a post office, a station thereof, and any mail route and other authorized depository for mail matter, packages and mail, and did abstract and remove from the packages and mail articles and things contained therein, namely, United States currency.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1708.

FORFEITURE ALLEGATION

1. The allegations in this Information are realleged here for the purpose of noticing forfeiture.

2. The United States gives notice to defendant

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that, upon conviction of the theft of mail matter offense in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1708 charged in this Information, the United States will seek forfeiture, in accordance with Title 18, United States Code, Section 981(a)(1)(C) and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c), of any and all property, real and personal, FENUTO obtained directly or indirectly, that constitutes and is derived from proceeds traceable to the commission of such offense.

3. If by any act or omission of FENUTO, any of the property subject to forfeiture described above:

- a) cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;
- b) has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third party;
- c) has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the court;
- d) has been substantially diminished in value; or
- e) has been commingled with other property which cannot be divided without difficulty;

it is the intent of the United States, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code,

Section 853(p), as incorporated by Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c), to seek forfeiture of any other property of FENUTO up to the value of the above-described forfeitable property.

Handwritten signature of Philip R. Sellinger in blue ink, written over a horizontal line.

PHILIP R. SELLINGER
United States Attorney