

Postal worker indicted

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Greenbelt, Maryland – A federal grand jury indicted Leroy T. King, Jr., age 54, of Bryans Road, Maryland, today on charges arising from a scheme to fraudulently obtain at least \$60,000 in disability travel benefits.

The indictment was announced by United States Attorney for the District of Maryland Rod J. Rosenstein; Special Agent in Charge Paul L. Bowman of the U.S. Postal Service, Office of Inspector General; and Special Agent in Charge Steven Anderson, of the Washington Regional Office, U.S. Department of Labor - Office of Inspector General, Office of Labor Racketeering and Fraud Investigations.

According to the eight count indictment, King was a U.S. Postal Service city carrier at the Capitol Heights, Maryland post office. On September 24, 2004, King was injured, which qualified him for compensation benefits provided to federal government employees for disability due to personal injury sustained while in the performance of duty. King returned to work in 2008, but remained eligible to receive disability benefits for medical benefits and for travel to and from medical treatment for that injury.

The indictment alleges that from November 2009 to March 2015, King repeatedly sought and received reimbursement for travel expenses allegedly incurred in connection with trips to and from medical treatment that King claimed had occurred, when, in fact, no medical treatment had been provided on the dates for which King sought reimbursement. King allegedly mailed reports to the Department of Labor's Office of Worker's Compensation Programs (OWCP) falsely stating that King had driven his vehicle to and from the Southern Maryland Processing and Distribution Center in Capital Heights Maryland, for purposes of medical treatment.

The indictment alleges that King fraudulently obtained at least \$60,000 from OWCP as reimbursement.

King faces a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison for mail fraud; and five years in prison for making false statements. No court appearance has been scheduled for King.

An indictment is not a finding of guilt. An individual charged by indictment is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at some later criminal proceedings.

United States Attorney Rod J. Rosenstein praised the Department of Labor - OIG and U.S. Postal Service - OIG for their work in the investigation. Mr. Rosenstein thanked Assistant United States Attorney Hollis Weisman and Special Assistant United States Attorney Nicholas Patterson, who are prosecuting the case.

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