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Former Letter Carrier Admits to Receiving Over \$62,000 in Bogus Travel Expenses for Medical Care

Greenbelt, Maryland – Leroy T. King, Jr., age 54, of Bryans Road, Maryland pleaded guilty today to mail fraud in connection with a scheme to fraudulently receive reimbursement for travel expenses for medical care related to an injury sustained on the job.

The guilty plea 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 his plea agreement, King was a letter carrier for the U.S. Postal Service at the Capitol Heights, Maryland post office. On September 4, 2004 King sustained an injury at work and received worker's compensation until he returned to work in August 2008. King was eligible to receive reimbursement for travel expenses to and from medical appointments related to his injury.

From November 2009 to March 2015, King submitted vouchers to the Office of Worker's Compensation Programs (OWCP) for the reimbursement of travel expenses for approximately 2,145 trips for medical care. Approximately 95 of those trips were actually for medical care received by King. However, King admitted that for the remaining 2,050 trips he claimed, he did not receive medical care.

To obtain reimbursement from OWCP, King periodically prepared and mailed numerous forms falsely certifying that he had driven round trip from his home to various medical facilities for treatment. As a result, King was paid \$62,424.75, for the reimbursement of travel expenses to which he was not entitled.

King faces a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison. U.S. District Judge Deborah K. Chasanow has scheduled sentencing for November 30, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.

United States Attorney Rod J. Rosenstein commended the U.S. Postal Service -OIG and U.S. Department of Labor - OIG, Office of Labor Racketeering and Fraud Investigations for their work in the investigation. Mr. Rosenstein thanked Assistant U.S. Attorney Hollis Raphael Weisman, who is prosecuting the case.