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Former Postal Worker Sentenced to Prison for Workers' Comp Fraud

NORFOLK, Va. – Ronald Henderson, 58, of Lewiston, North Carolina, was sentenced today to 13 months in prison for Federal Employees' Compensation Fraud. He was also ordered to pay \$163,956.23 in restitution to the Department of Labor.

Henderson pleaded guilty on Dec. 2, 2015. According to court documents, on June 11, 2011, Henderson falsely claimed to have injured his shoulder while performing his duties as a mail carrier in Suffolk. The injury had actually occurred previously while off-duty. In addition to receiving compensation as a result of the false disability claim, Henderson filed hundreds of false travel claims seeking reimbursement for expenses related to obtaining medical treatment. He also failed to notify the Department of Labor after he returned to work and was able to unlawfully "double-dip" by receiving workers' compensation payments and his normal paycheck at the same time.

Dana J. Boente, U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, made the announcement after sentencing by Chief U.S. District Judge Rebecca Beach Smith. Assistant U.S. Attorney Randy Stoker prosecuted the case.

A copy of this press release may be found on the website of the [U.S. Attorney's Office](#) for the Eastern District of Virginia. Related court documents and information may be found on the website of the [District Court](#) for the Eastern District of Virginia or on [PACER](#) by searching for **Case No. 2:15-cr-120**.