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Portland Man Sentenced to Federal Prison for Assaulting Postal Employee

PORTLAND, Ore.—On February 21, 2023, a Portland man was sentenced to federal prison for punching a U.S. Postal Service employee after stealing several trays of mail from a post office.

Dellmon Timmy Smith, 53, was sentenced to 30 months in federal prison and three years' supervised release.

According to court documents, on November 22, 2021, Smith—who has a criminal history spanning decades that includes multiple felony convictions for theft and making threats of violence during his various thefts—entered a back door of the Creston U.S. Post Office on SE Foster Road in Portland, pushed past a postal service employee, grabbed two trays of mail, and ran away. The employee yelled for help and several other postal employees chased Smith down the street. When the first employee caught up to Smith, Smith dropped the trays of mail, reached into his waistband, and said “I have a gun, I’m going to shoot you.”

As two other employees caught up, Smith turn around and punched one of the employees in the face, below their left eye, and before falling to the ground. The employees took pictures of Smith, collected the stolen mail, and returned to the post office. Smith was later identified and arrested without incident.

On June 22, 2022, a federal grand jury in Portland returned a two-count indictment charging Smith with mail theft and assault on a federal officer. On November 28, 2022, he pleaded guilty to the assault charge.

This case was investigated by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service (USPIS). It was prosecuted by Meredith D.M. Bateman and Seth Uram, Assistant U.S. Attorneys for the District of Oregon.

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