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Nehalem Woman Pleads Guilty to Stealing from the U.S. Postal Service

PORTLAND, Ore.—A former Postal Service employee pleaded guilty yesterday for engaging in a scheme to steal money orders from the U.S. Postal Service.

Jessica Alires, 46, of Nehalem, Oregon, pleaded guilty to misappropriation of postal funds.

According to court documents, from September 2024 through December 2024, as a U.S. Postal Service employee in Wheeler, Oregon, Alires voided money orders in the U.S. Postal Service electronic system after issuing them to paying customers. She then reissued the money orders and took them for herself. Alires also issued herself money orders reporting false cash and debit and credit payments to cover the cost of the money orders she issued to herself.

In addition to her money order scheme, Alires stole a credit card in the mail and charged \$500 to purchase a money order and stole a letter from the mail containing \$200 in cash.

On February 19, 2026, Alires was charged by information with misappropriation of postal funds.

Alires faces a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison, a \$250,000 fine, and three years of supervised release. She will be sentenced on October 14, 2026, before a U.S. district court judge.

As part of the plea agreement, Alires has agreed to pay restitution in full.

The U.S. Postal Service Office of Inspector General is investigating the case. Assistant U.S. Attorney Christopher Cardani is prosecuting the case.

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