



## OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

### UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

As a Postal Service employee you must preserve and protect the security of all mail in your custody.

Any Postal Service employee that steals, delays, deserts, destroys, or obstructs mail is subject to administrative discipline and/or criminal prosecution. Mail security instructions are contained in part 274 of the Administrative Support Manual.

Various federal laws provide for criminal penalties for the theft, delay, desertion, destruction, or obstruction of U.S. Mail - **Title 18, United States Code, Section 1709, Theft of Mail Matter by Officer or Employee.**

The Office of Inspector General is strongly encouraging every employee to be on high alert over the coming weeks for any signs of mail theft. Capitalizing on this crisis to steal stimulus funds is against the law and will not be tolerated. The Office of Inspector General is coordinating with our federal, state, and local partners to deploy substantial law enforcement resources in the safeguarding of stimulus funds distributed through the U.S. Mail.

Do your part to help protect Americans' rights and tax dollars in this novel and troubling time. Thank you all for your valiant service to our country.

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