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Chicago Man Sentenced for Burglaries, Mail Theft from Area Apartments

Chicago – On September 14, 2023, in Cook County Criminal Court, Patrick V. Slagel, 44, of Chicago, IL, pleaded guilty to 14 felony counts of burglary, relating to mail theft. Slagel was then sentenced to five years imprisonment in the Illinois Department of Corrections, with one year of supervised release.

On February 10, 2023, a joint investigation by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service and Chicago Police Department led to Slagel's arrest after being identified as the suspect responsible for numerous apartment building burglaries and subsequent mail thefts in Chicago, IL throughout 2022 and early 2023. Following his arrest, Slagel was charged by the Cook County State's Attorney's Office with 14 counts of felony residential burglary, one for each occurrence. The Postal Inspection Service appreciates the assistance of the Chicago Police Department, specifically its 19th District Robbery, Burglary, Theft (RBT) Detectives, in this investigation.

"The U.S. Postal Inspection Service is dedicated to defending the nation's mail system from criminal activity, preserving the integrity of the U.S. Mail, and protecting United States Postal Service employees. We value our law enforcement partners and their support of our mission," said Ruth M. Mendonça, Inspector in Charge of the Chicago Division of the U.S. Postal Inspection Service.

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