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### **Pair Arrested, Charged for Burglaries, Mail Theft from Chicago-Area Apartment Complexes**

**Chicago** – On September 28, 2023, a joint investigation by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service and Chicago Police Department led to the arrests of Jonathan Minter, 37, of Chicago, IL, and Andrew Kirkpatrick, 31, of Champaign, IL. Minter and Kirkpatrick were identified as suspects responsible for numerous apartment and condominium burglaries and subsequent mail thefts, as well as identity theft and account takeovers, in Chicago, IL throughout 2022 and 2023.

Based on the joint investigation, Minter was charged with five felony counts of burglary in Chicago, IL, while Kirkpatrick was charged with four felony counts of burglary in Chicago, IL. Criminal charges were filed against both parties by the Cook County State's Attorney's Office. Minter and Kirkpatrick may also face additional charges as the investigation continues. The U.S. Postal Inspection Service would like to thank the Chicago Police Department, specifically its 1<sup>st</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> District Robbery, Burglary, Theft (RBT) Detectives, and the Cook County Sheriff's Office 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. The U.S. Postal Inspection Service values our law enforcement partners for supporting our mission to protect the integrity of the U.S. Mail," said Ruth M. Mendonça, Inspector in Charge of the Chicago Division of the U.S. Postal Inspection Service.

It is important to note that criminal charges are only allegations against a person. Every defendant is presumed innocent unless or until proven guilty.

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