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Chicago Porch Pirate Picked Up by Postal Inspectors

Chicago, IL – On April 16, 2025, a joint operation by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, Chicago Police Department, and Cook County Sheriff's Office led to the arrest of Ralph Rodriguez, 42, in the vicinity of 2000 W. Ohio St., Chicago, IL. Rodriguez was identified as the suspect responsible for multiple mail theft incidents on Chicago's Northwest side beginning in 2024.

Based on the investigation, Rodriguez was charged by the Cook County State's Attorney's Office with one count of felony theft. The U.S. Postal Inspection Service appreciates the assistance of the Chicago Police Department 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, protecting United States Postal Service employees, and preserving the integrity of the U.S. Mail," said Ruth M. Mendonça, Inspector in Charge, Chicago Division of the U.S. Postal Inspection Service. "We value our law enforcement partners for supporting our mission."

It is important to note that criminal charges are only allegations against a person. Every defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

Anyone who feels they may be the victim of mail theft is urged to contact the Postal Inspection Service at 1-877-876-2455 or online at www.uspis.gov/report.

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