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BUNA MAIL THEFT LEADS TO FEDERAL PRISON

(Beaumont, Texas) An Orange man has been sentenced to federal prison for mail theft as a result of his taking undelivered mail from a mail collection box in front of the Buna Post Office in May of 2003. U.S. District Judge Thad Heartfield sentenced **ROGER ALLEN CORMIER**, 40, to 37 months in prison on Wednesday afternoon for Theft of United States Mail.

According to information prosecutors presented in court, **CORMIER** was apprehended by a Jasper County Sheriff's deputy while attempting to cash a payroll check reported missing from a Buna logging company. A search of **CORMIER**'s car, in which his wife was a passenger, revealed undelivered mail containing checks stolen from the Buna Post Office that morning. Subsequent investigation led to the indictment of **CORMIER** and his wife, Kelly Lynn Cormier. **CORMIER** entered a guilty plea in September, 2003. **CORMIER**'s wife was sentenced last month to one year in federal prison for her participation in the theft.

U.S. Attorney Matthew D. Orwig praised the work of the Jasper County Sheriff's Department and the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, Fort Worth Division, "These defendants were halted from continuing this crime by the alert actions of law enforcement. This office will vigorously investigate and prosecute those who seek to seek to disrupt the mail service millions of Americans rely on every day."

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Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert Rawls prosecuted the case.

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