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GROUP 2 - INTERNAL & EXTERNAL INVESTIGATIONS

July 29, 2004

Honorable Sue Myrick
Member, U.S. House of Representatives
Suite B
318 South Street
Gastonia, NC 28052

Dear Congresswoman Myrick:

This is in response to your inquiry about your constituent, Fred Maundy, and his efforts to obtain a reward for assistance he provided in the investigation of the murder of postal employee, Lee Parker, in May 1997.

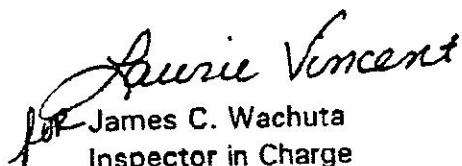
We have communicated with Mr. Maundy on several occasions since October 1999 about this matter. The Postal Service pays rewards for information leading to the arrest and conviction of persons for offenses against postal employees who are on duty, or on account of the performance of their duties. Mr. Parker was accosted on a freeway while en route to his place of employment. He clearly had not begun his work day at the time of the incident.

We certainly appreciate Mr. Maundy's efforts in assisting the local police in solving the murder of Mr. Parker. However, since the crime occurred while Mr. Parker was off duty, Mr. Maundy is not eligible to receive a reward.

Mr. Maundy filed a civil complaint against the Postal Service in the U.S. District Court for the District of Utah. The lawsuit was dismissed.

If you would like more information, feel free to contact me at (202) 268-4370.

Sincerely,


James C. Wachuta
Inspector in Charge
Internal & External Investigations