



**U.S. Department of Justice**

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**For Immediate Release**

**January 8, 2004**

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), United States Postal Inspection Service, and the United States Department of Transportation (DOT), Office of Inspector General are offering a reward of up to \$100,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the individual(s) responsible for introducing a threatening letter addressed to DOT and containing the poison ricin into a U.S. Postal facility located in Greenville, South Carolina on October 15, 2003.

The author(s) of this typewritten letter claimed that he or she was a fleet owner of a tanker company and demanded that the present laws regarding truck driver hours of service regulations remain unchanged. On January 4, 2004, significant new federal regulations went into effect mandating more rest and orienting drivers toward a 24-hour work/rest cycle. A type-written message on the exterior of the envelope indicated "caution RICIN POISON Enclosed in sealed container Do not open without proper protection". Inside the envelope was a small, metal vial which contained ricin, a white, granular, potentially deadly poison.

The author(s) of this letter claimed to have the ability to make large quantities of ricin and to use this poison if the new hours of service regulations were not repealed by January 4, 2004. The letter was signed "Fallen Angel".

Anyone with information concerning the identity of the individual(s) responsible for authoring this threatening letter is requested to contact the FBI toll free at 1-866-839-6241.



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U.S. DOT Office of Inspector General

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Typewritten on the exterior of the envelope was the following warning:



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The following is a representation of the language contained in the threat letter:

to the department of transportation: I'm a fleet owner of a tanker company.

I have easy access to castor pulp. If my demand is dismissed I'm capable of making Ricin.

My demand is simple, January 4 2004 starts the new hours of service for trucks which include a ridiculous ten hours in the sleeper berth. Keep at eight or I will start dumping.

You have been warned this is the only letter that will be sent by me.

Fallen Angel

**Anyone having information, contact the Tip Line 1-866-839-6241**

Reward payment will be made in accordance with conditions of Postal Service Reward Poster 296, dated February 2000.