

Man Admits Helping with Fake Anthrax Letters

A man in Alabama, USA, has pleaded guilty to helping another man send letters with fake anthrax in them.

(Anthrax is a disease spread by spores. The spores can be made into white powder and used as a weapon.)

Milstead Darden admits he helped Clifton Dodd send eight letters with white powder in them. He let Dodd get the letters ready while sitting in his truck. Then he drove Dodd to the post office to mail them. Postal Inspectors arrested the two men soon after that. Dodd will be tried later.

Although the powder wasn't real anthrax, people who got the letters might have thought it was. They might have called emergency services, which would have been expensive. So this crime is taken seriously.

"These type letters are a threat, not a joke," says U.S. Attorney Joyce White Vance.

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