

Re: [OT] Is this a valid USPS tracking number?

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Terry Pinnell wrote:

- > *Fred: I'm in a similar position, having bought a 2 GB CF card from an*
- > *ebay vendor in New York called Eugene Buccellato, ebay User ID*
- > *buzzlghtyrby (31345). I parted with 104 UKP (nearly 200 USD). That*
- > *included 20 USD for air mail delivery ("4 to 8 business days") and*
- > *insurance.*
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- > *Some 8 weeks later, no delivery, no refund. The seller says he filed a*
- > *claim with the Post Office, after waiting the required 30 days. No*
- > *attempt by him to send a replacement or make a refund (pending his*
- > *receiving compensation from the Post Office).*
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- > *I placed it in hands of PayPal a week ago (and reported negative*
- > *feedback). PayPal say they guarantee to investigate and aim to*
- > *conclude in 30 days. Limit of 500 USD.*
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- > *With hindsight, wish I'd foregone the potential saving of about 60 USD*
- > *and bought locally.*
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Wow Terry, that's highly unusual. What did the seller have to say? "Sorry it must have been lost in the post, but hey that's not my fault?" He should take it up with the postal carrier then. There's an old saying – The Customer Comes First. eBay has a \$200 or \$500 guarantee don't they? Or maybe that was a PayPal guarantee? Read the fine print, hopefully you're not out anything.

Every purchase I've made on eBay has been excellent so far. Even bought a motorcycle last year, [paid with a banker's cheque for that one.] Did you use PayPal? Not that it mattered I guess. I've even bought things from Taiwan twice, no problems. In fact, it only took about two extra days to ship from Taiwan, and the prices were lower.