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OAKLAND MAN SENTENCED FOR CREDIT CARD FRAUD AND AGGRAVATED IDENTITY THEFT

Defendant Purchased 16,000 Stolen Credit Card Numbers Online

OAKLAND, Calif. – Douglas A. Reeves was sentenced today to eight years and five months in prison and ordered to pay restitution for credit card fraud and identity theft, United States Attorney Melinda Haag announced.

Reeves pleaded guilty on May 11, 2011, to possession of unauthorized credit card information and aggravated identity theft. According to the plea agreement, in October 2009, Reeves possessed several computers and electronic storage devices, an embosser, and a large number of white plastic blank cards. Reeves also possessed a piece of false identification bearing his photograph and the name of a real person who had not authorized Reeves to use his identity.

Reeves admitted that he possessed more than 16,000 credit card numbers, along with associated cardholder names and expiration dates on his computer. He obtained the credit card information online through several Internet “carding forums” in “dumps” of five to six thousand numbers each time.

Reeves used the computers and other equipment to encode the blank plastic cards with the credit card information he had purchased. He admitted to using those cards, embossed with Visa and Mastercard logos, to obtain money and other things of value. Reeves agreed that the intended loss amount attributable to his offenses was between \$200,000 and \$400,000.

Reeves, 34, of Oakland, was indicted by a federal grand jury on Dec. 16, 2010. He was charged with possession of fifteen or more counterfeit or unauthorized access devices (credit cards), possession of equipment for making counterfeit access devices, and aggravated identity theft. Reeves has been in custody since his arrest on Oct. 6, 2009.

The 101-month sentence was handed down by U.S. District Court Judge Phyllis J. Hamilton. Judge Hamilton also sentenced the defendant to a three-year period of supervised release and ordered him to pay a mandatory special assessment of \$200.

Michelle J. Kane and Richard Cheng are the Assistant U.S. Attorneys who prosecuted the case with the assistance of Lauri Gomez and Janice Pagsanjan. The prosecution is the result of an investigation by the U.S. Secret Service, the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, and the Alameda County Probation Department.

Further Information:

Case #: 10-00918 PJH

A copy of this press release may be found on the U.S. Attorney's Office's website at www.usdoj.gov/usao/can.

Electronic court filings and further procedural and docket information are available at <https://ecf.cand.uscourts.gov/cgi-bin/login.pl>.

Judges' calendars with schedules for upcoming court hearings can be viewed on the court's website at www.cand.uscourts.gov.

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