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AVENTURA MAN SENTENCED TO 6 YEARS FOR HEALTH CARE FRAUD

Orlando, FL - United States Attorney A. Brian Albritton announces that U.S. District Judge Gregory A. Presnell today sentenced Carlos J. Lopez (age 36, of Aventura) to 6 years in federal prison and ordered Lopez to pay \$766,606.22 in restitution for health care fraud and aggravated identity theft. Lopez was found guilty on February 4, 2009, after a three-day trial.

According to court documents, Lopez stole the identities of hundreds of Medicare beneficiaries and used those identities to submit claims for payment from Medicare. He received \$766,606.22 from the Medicare trust fund based on his fraudulent claims.

This case was investigated by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General. It case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Katherine Ho.