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IVORY COAST NATIVE SENTENCED ON FEDERAL IMMIGRATION AND AGGRAVATED IDENTITY THEFT CHARGES

DAVENPORT, IA – On October 13, 2011, Mamadou Jabira, age 35, of Coralville, Iowa, a citizen of the Ivory Coast, was sentenced to 2 years and one day of imprisonment for misusing a Social Security Number, using a fraudulent Iowa Identification Card, and Aggravated Identity Theft, announced United States Attorney Nicholas A. Klinefeldt. Chief United States District Judge Robert W. Pratt also sentenced Jabira to serve 3 years supervised release following imprisonment and to pay \$300 to the Crime Victim's Fund.

On June 17, 2010, investigators of the Department of Homeland Security were contacted by the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) regarding Jabira. IDOT indicated that Jabira may have received Iowa Identification Cards in the name of another individual by using this same individual's Social Security Card.

Investigation revealed that Jabira used the Iowa Identification Card bearing his likeness, but bearing the name of the other individual, when completing a Form I-9 Employment Eligibility Verification document on January 18, 2008, during the process of procuring employment at the Marriot Hotel in Coralville, Iowa. Jabira also used the other individual's Social Security Card during the employment application process. Jabira was personally acquainted with the individual whose identity he stole.

This case was investigated by the Iowa Department of Transportation, the United States

Department of Homeland Security, and was prosecuted by the United States Attorney's Office,

Southern District of Iowa.

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