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**FEDERAL JURY FINDS CHRISTOPHER DONTÉ EVANS
GUILTY OF DEFRAUDING ELDORADO CASINO**

Shreveport, La.: United States Attorney Stephanie A. Finley announced that Christopher Donte Evans, 27, of Frierson, Louisiana, was convicted today by a federal jury of one count of conspiracy, four counts of wire fraud, and four counts of aggravated identity theft.

Evidence at trial established that Evans and three co-conspirators fraudulently obtained money from the Eldorado Casino and Global Payment Gambling Services, Inc. by using VIP customers' names and account numbers without their knowledge to cash personal checks at the casino. The total amount of loss to Eldorado Casino is approximately \$106,150.

Evans will be sentenced on March 14, 2012. The maximum punishment for one count of conspiracy is a term of imprisonment of not more than five years or a fine of not more than \$250,000.00, or both. The maximum punishment for each count of wire fraud is a term of imprisonment of not more than 20 years or a fine of not more than \$250,000.00, or both. The maximum punishment for each count of aggravated identity theft is a mandatory term of two years imprisonment on each count.

Co-defendant Anthony Deon Plater Miles, 27, of Shreveport, La., pled guilty to conspiracy and wire fraud on May 13, 2011, and was sentenced to 27 months imprisonment with credit for time served, three years supervised release, and was ordered to pay \$105,525 in restitution jointly.

Co-defendant Lemon Howard, 25, of Frierson, La., pled guilty to conspiracy and wire fraud on June 2, 2011. Sentencing is set for February 15, 2012.

Co-defendant Shadell Lanette Freeman, 27, of Shreveport, La., pled guilty to conspiracy and wire fraud on June 16, 2011. Sentencing is set for January 12, 2012.

U.S. Attorney Finley stated, "This case was a complex scheme to defraud the casino, solely motivated by greed. The defendant and his co-conspirators illegally used the identities of innocent people to facilitate these crimes. My office will continue to prosecute those who commit crimes which adversely effect the well-being of our citizens and businesses."

This case was investigated by Special Agent Darron Craft, U. S. Secret Service, along with the Louisiana State Police. This case was prosecuted by Assistant U. S. Attorney Earl M. Campbell.

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