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### **TWO CONSPIRATORS SENTENCED AND A THIRD PLEADS GUILTY IN SCHEME TO CASH OVER \$100,000 IN STOLEN TREASURY CHECKS**

*A Total of Eleven Defendants Convicted*

**Baltimore**, Maryland - U.S. District Judge Catherine C. Blake sentenced Jamal Kareem Snead, age 32, of Baltimore, today to 75 months in prison followed by 3 years of supervised release for conspiracy to commit mail fraud, forged endorsement on a treasury check and aggravated identity theft, in connection with a scheme to steal treasury checks from the mail and cash the checks using false identity documents, announced United States Attorney for the District of Maryland Rod J. Rosenstein. Yesterday, Judge Blake sentenced co-defendant Theodore Terrell, age 30, of Washington, D.C., to 45 months in prison, followed by 3 years of supervised release, on the same charges. Both Snead and Terrell were ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$104,446.35. Co-defendant David Cooley, age 36, of Baltimore, pleaded guilty today to conspiracy to commit mail fraud and aggravated identity theft in connection with the scheme.

According to court documents, beginning in March 2006 and continuing until May 2007, Snead, Terrell and others cashed stolen Treasury checks using fake Maryland driver's licenses bearing their photographs and the names and addresses of the intended recipients of the stolen checks. Cooley recruited individuals to cash the stolen checks and arranged to obtain the fake identification cards for those individuals. Cooley also introduced Snead to United States Postal Service employee Leonard Jenkins, who stole the checks from the mail.

Terrell personally cashed at least three stolen Treasury checks, totaling \$1,925.22, using false Maryland driver's licenses bearing Terrell's photograph and the names and addresses of the individuals who were the intended recipients of the stolen Treasury checks. According to his plea agreement, Snead obtained four Treasury checks from Jenkins totaling \$14,310.81, which he cashed in the same manner. Altogether, the conspirators cashed over \$100,000 in stolen United States Treasury checks.

Snead also admitted to participating in a credit card scheme in which he purchased stolen

credit card account numbers off of the internet and, using sophisticated devices, re-encoded the stolen credit card information (the “track data”) to the magnetic strips of gift cards and credit cards of individuals whose credit cards were delinquent or defaulted. Using these re-loaded cards, Snead and his co-conspirators fraudulently obtained over \$300,000 in goods and services, including rental cars. Those cars were not returned to the rental companies, who reported them stolen. All the vehicles were eventually recovered.

Cooley is scheduled to be sentenced on October 30, 2009, at 10:30 a.m. On July 22, 2009, Leonard Jenkins, age 27, of Baltimore, pleaded guilty to mail fraud, theft of mail and aggravated identity theft and is scheduled to be sentenced on November 3, 2009 at 9:15 a.m.

To date, 11 defendants, including Cooley, have been convicted for participating in this scheme and six of those, including Terrell and Snead, have been sentenced.

United States Attorney Rod J. Rosenstein thanked the U.S. Postal Inspection Service; the U.S. Postal Service, Office of Inspector General; the U.S. Secret Service; the Department of Transportation - Office of Inspector General; and the U.S. Department of the Treasury, Office of Inspector General; and the District of Columbia Office of Inspector General for their investigative work and recognized the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the District of Columbia for its assistance in this case. Mr. Rosenstein commended Assistant United States Attorneys Tamara L. Fine and Emily Glatfelter, who are prosecuting the case.