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**Former Westbrook Man Sentenced for Federal Identity Fraud Charges**

Portland, Maine: United States Attorney Paula D. Silsby announced that **Thomas Kasenge**, 29, formerly of Westbrook, Maine, was sentenced on June 26 in U.S. District Court in Portland to imprisonment for 25 months for aiding and abetting social security fraud, aiding and abetting employment verification fraud, aiding and abetting aggravated identity theft, and making false statements to a government agency. Kasenge was found guilty of all four charges on February 13, 2009 after a two-day jury trial.

The evidence at trial demonstrated that in February of 2007 Kasenge, who was a lawful permanent resident of the United States originally from Uganda, permitted Pius Mayanja, a Ugandan citizen in the country illegally, to use Kasenge's name and other identifying information to obtain employment. Kasenge provided Mayanja with his Maine driver's license and social security card, knowing that Mayanja would use the identity documents to fraudulently obtain employment in the United States. Mayanja subsequently used Kasenge's name and identity documents to obtain employment in Lewiston and Westbrook. The evidence further showed that after Mayanja was arrested in March of 2008, Kasenge was interviewed by a Special Agent from United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Kasenge falsely claimed that he did not know Mayanja had used his name and identifying information to obtain employment.

United States Attorney Silsby praised the investigation conducted by United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Westbrook Police Department.

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