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DUBLIN AREA MAN CHARGED WITH EBAY SCAM

Awaiting sentencing on identity theft conviction

COLUMBUS – Jason Richard Yuschak, 28, of Columbus, was arrested today and charged with mail fraud for collecting money for an item he sold on the Internet auction site eBay and failing to deliver the item.

William E. Hunt, Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio, Gerald A. O'Farrell, Assistant Inspector in Charge, U.S. Postal Inspection Service, and Dan Osborne, Acting Special Agent in Charge, U.S. Secret Service announced Yuschak's arrest based on a criminal complaint filed September 8, 2009. Postal inspectors and Secret Service agents arrested Yuschak in downtown Columbus this morning.

An affidavit filed in support of the criminal complaint accuses Yuschak of offering a Gibson Les Paul Custom guitar for sale on eBay and agreeing to sell it to an Oklahoma woman for \$3,000 on May 21, 2009. The woman paid Yuschak in two e-checks issued through PayPal. The victim asked Yuschak to return her money and Yuschak allegedly mailed the victim an empty envelope. The victim filed a dispute with the company and contacted her local police department, who helped identify Yuschak through the Ohio Law Enforcement Gateway, a secure Web-based platform of databases for law enforcement which is provided and maintained by Ohio Attorney General Richard Cordray's Office.

On April 20, 2009, Yuschak pleaded guilty to one count of mail fraud and two counts of aggravated identity theft and is awaiting sentencing for those crimes. Yuschak stole personal identification information of at least 78 customers or potential customers of car dealerships where he worked and used the information to apply for credit cards.

Mail fraud is punishable by up to 20 years imprisonment.

Yuschak will appear before a U.S. Magistrate Judge on the most recent charge at 3:30 today.

A complaint is merely an allegation. A defendant should be presumed innocent until and unless convicted in court.

Hunt commended the cooperative investigation by Postal Inspectors and Secret Service agents and the assistance of the Dublin and Columbus police departments and the Ohio Law Enforcement Gateway, as well as Assistant U.S. Attorney Dale E. Williams, Jr., who is prosecuting the case.

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