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COLUMBUS MAN SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR STEALING CUSTOMER IDENTITIES

Indicted in Separate eBay Scheme While Awaiting Sentencing

COLUMBUS — Jason Richard Yuschak, 28, of Columbus was sentenced in United States District Court here today to thirty-six months imprisonment for stealing personal identification information of at least 78 customers or potential customers of car dealerships where he worked, and using the information to apply for credit cards.

Carter M. Stewart, 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 the sentence handed down today by United States District Judge Gregory L. Frost. They also announced a new indictment returned by a Federal Grand Jury in Columbus today charging Yuschak with defrauding an Oklahoma woman in a scheme he conducted through eBay after pleading guilty in this identity theft case.

Yuschak pleaded guilty to one count of mail fraud on April 20, 2009.

Yuschak worked for four Columbus-area dealerships between September 2005 and September 2007. He stole copies of Ohio driver's licenses, original credit applications, original purchase proposals, original test drive agreements, automobile purchase contracts, and other information and business records containing individuals' personal identification information. Yuschak used this information to set up email accounts, and applied for credit cards using the stolen information.

Stewart commended the U.S. Secret Service agents, Postal Inspectors, and other members of the Multi-Jurisdictional Counterfeit Check Task Force, who conducted the investigations, and Assistant U.S. Attorney Dale Williams, who prosecuted the case.

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