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Chesapeake Woman Sentenced for Identity Fraud

(Norfolk, VA) – Sabrina Holman, age 36, of Chesapeake, Virginia, was sentenced today to ten years in prison, followed by a three-year term of supervised release, upon her conviction for conspiring to misuse others' identities in manufacturing and passing counterfeit checks. Chuck Rosenberg, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, made the announcement after Holman was sentenced by United States District Judge Henry Coke Morgan, Jr. Holman previously pled guilty to these charges on October 18, 2006.

According to court documents, Holman came to the attention of local police in early April 2006, when authorities searched her Chesapeake residence and arrested her for passing counterfeit checks in Chesapeake and at a Target store in Richmond, Virginia. The search of her residence turned up assorted merchandise, including flat panel televisions, computers, cameras, and jewelry, that had been purchased with counterfeit checks. After her arrest and release upon bond, Holman fled the area. Two months later, Chesterfield County police stopped Holman for a traffic offense and, after determining her true identity, arrested her on the pending warrants. A search of her vehicle led to the discovery of a stolen Maryland driver's license, counterfeit checks, check stock, printer cartridges, and a wig.

From November 2004 through April 2006, Holman organized and led a conspiracy to steal and to obtain lost identifications and to impersonate the identity theft victims at various merchants. After obtaining the identifications, Holman used them to make counterfeit checks on her home computer. She then used and distributed the fake checks to other conspirators who forged and passed the checks at various stores. The conspirators forged and passed hundreds of checks in others' names in Virginia, Georgia, Maryland, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, and Delaware. As a result, merchants suffered losses of approximately \$226,000.

"Identity theft continues to be an enormous problem, but these crooks need to know that federal penalties are severe. We plan to investigate and prosecute identity thieves aggressively," said United States Attorney Rosenberg.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Chesapeake Police Department investigated this case. Assistant United States Attorney Robert Krask prosecuted the case for the United States.

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