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MAN SENTENCED IN ODOMETER ROLLBACK SCHEME

(Richmond, VA) – Abraham Jamil Ramadan, age 32, of Chesterfield County, Virginia, was sentenced yesterday to 37 months in prison after a guilty plea to one count of Mail Fraud. In addition to the term of imprisonment, Ramadan was ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$9,740.66 to Farmers Insurance Exchange and \$23,305.75 to Motors Insurance Corporation. The Court also ordered a forfeiture of \$200,000, representing the proceeds of Ramadan's odometer tampering. Chuck Rosenberg, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia; and Charles Cunningham, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Richmond Resident Office, announced the sentencing.

Abraham Jamil Ramadan, a former sales representative for President Auto Sales and Center in Paterson, New Jersey, altered the odometers of approximately 100 vehicles, making them appear to have far fewer miles than they actually did, and thereby increasing the value of the vehicles by an average of \$2,000 each. In addition, from 1998 through 2004, Ramadan mailed documents in which he misrepresented the mileage on certain vehicles in furtherance of his odometer rollback scheme.

Ramadan identified vehicles on which the odometers could be rolled back by looking through classified sections of newspapers and automobile publications, specifically looking for vehicles with high mileage and one owner.

Acting through his sister, Soha J. Ramadan, Ramadan also submitted a fraudulent insurance claim in connection with a 1998 Lincoln Navigator in November 2002. He removed entertainment equipment and speakers from the Navigator and claimed that the equipment had been stolen. As a result, he received \$9,740.66 from Farmers Insurance Exchange.

The total loss associated with Ramadan's odometer rollback scheme is approximately \$200,000.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Assistant United States Attorney G. Wingate Grant prosecuted the case for the United States.

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