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PRESS RELEASE

**GUY FRANKLIN BARLOW SENTENCED TO 26 MONTHS
FOR IDENTITY THEFT AND PASSPORT FRAUD**

United States Attorney Anthony J. Jenkins and James M. Foster, Special Agent in Charge of the U.S. State Department Bureau of Diplomatic Security, Miami field office, announced today that on May 15, 2008, Guy Franklin Barlow, 51, of St. Croix, was sentenced in District Court on St. Croix to 26 months in prison for aggravated identity theft and passport fraud.

“Passport and identity fraud are potential threats to the national security of the United States,” Foster said. “The U.S. passport is one of the most coveted travel documents in the world, and the unlawful use of passports is one of the highest priorities of the Diplomatic Security Service.”

In addition to the prison term, Barlow was sentenced to two years of supervised release, and ordered to pay a \$2,000 fine and \$200 special assessment. The charges against Barlow arose out of an investigation by the U.S. Office of Diplomatic Security, which revealed that Barlow knowingly, willfully and fraudulently used another person’s identification to obtain a U.S. passport.

Barlow, who lives on a boat, possessed and presented a U.S. passport in the name of “Karl Monrol Barlow” to Customs and Border Patrol officers in order to retrieve his boat. Further investigation determined that the fingerprints of “Karl Monrol Barlow” were in fact those of Defendant Barlow, and that Defendant Barlow used the social security number of Karl Monrol Barlow to obtain the U.S. passport.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Denise Hinds prosecuted the case.