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MAN SENTENCED FOR UNAUTHORIZED ACCESSING A PROTECTED COMPUTER

Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Stephan Grzeskowiak, 34, previously of St. Paul, Minn., and now of Williamsburg, Va., was sentenced today by U.S. Magistrate Judge Stephen L. Crocker to 360 days of probation for two counts of unauthorized access to a protected computer. He was also ordered to pay a \$5,000 fine.

Grzeskowiak pleaded guilty to twice using interstate communications to unlawfully access a protected computer and obtain information from that computer. The Court also ordered Grzeskowiak to pay \$774.18 in restitution to the person whose computer Grzeskowiak unlawfully accessed.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Crocker stated that the Court "cannot tolerate cyber-stalking crimes," but balanced the offense against the fact that Grzeskowiak is seriously ill.

The charges against Grzeskowiak resulted from an investigation conducted by

the Onalaska Police Department and Federal Bureau of Investigation. This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Timothy M. O'Shea and Josh Goldfoot, U.S. Department of Justice-Computer Crime and Intellectual Property Section.

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