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RIVERDALE MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO MANUFACTURING FRAUDULENT DRIVER'S LICENSES AND CREDIT CARDS

ATLANTA, GA - GARY LEWIS WILLIAMS, JR., 39, a/k/a "The Duke," of Riverdale, Georgia, pleaded guilty today in federal district court to possessing equipment to make fraudulent driver's licenses and credit cards.

"Mr. Williams made his living making driver's licenses, checkbooks, and credit cards that others used to defraud merchants and businesses," said United States Attorney Sally Quillian Yates. "With more of our citizens becoming victims of identity theft, we are committed to identifying and arresting those who deprive us of our money and privacy."

"Stealing an innocent individual's identity to produce counterfeit checks, Georgia State driver's licenses and Social Security cards causes irreparable financial harm to that particular victim. The Secret Service takes an aggressive approach toward the prevention and investigation of aggravated identity theft to protect the citizens of Georgia," said Reginald G. Moore, Special Agent In Charge of the United States Secret Service Atlanta Field Office. "Let this case serve notice to all criminals that the Secret Service, in conjunction with our law enforcement partners, will exhaust all investigative means necessary to track down those who prey on the innocent victims in our state."

According to United States Attorney Yates, the charges in the indictment, and other information presented in court: United States Secret Service Special Agents and Clayton County Police Department investigators began buying fraudulent Georgia driver's licenses and checkbooks from Williams through an informant in January 2009. Agents and investigators obtained a search warrant and searched Williams' home in Riverdale on April 16, 2009. His home contained a computerized printing plant, including card printers, a credit card encoder, fraudulent driver's licenses, lists of individuals' names and dates of birth, and approximately \$184,000 in cash. WILLIAMS told the agents that he had made that cash selling fraudulent driver's licenses, checkbooks, and credit cards.

On October 12, 2009, WILLIAMS pleaded guilty in Clayton County Superior

Court to one count of first-degree forgery in connection with the sale of a counterfeit driver's license and checkbook, and he was sentenced to serve three years in state custody.

A federal grand jury indicted WILLIAMS on January 19, 2010, on various charges relating to fraudulent identification documents, unauthorized access devices, and possession of equipment used to make these documents and devices. WILLIAMS pleaded guilty to one count of possessing document-making implements. He could receive a maximum sentence of 15 years in prison and a fine of up to \$250,000. In determining the actual sentence, the Court will consider the United States Sentencing Guidelines, which are not binding but provide appropriate sentencing ranges for most offenders.

Sentencing is scheduled for November 10, 2010, at 9:30 a.m., before United States District Judge William S. Duffey, Jr.

This case is being investigated by Special Agents of the United States Secret Service and Clayton County Police Department investigators.

Assistant United States Attorney William G. Traynor is prosecuting the case.

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