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## **NORTH LIBERTY MAN SENTENCED FOR FRAUD**

Davenport, IA – Aaron Sidney Comer, age 46, of North Liberty, Iowa, a former contractor for Customer Motivators, a Florida firm, was sentenced by United States District Judge John A. Jarvey to 5 years of probation, including 4 months of confinement in a half-way house and four months of home confinement, in connection with Comer's previous guilty pleas to six counts of mail fraud, announced United States Attorney Nicholas A. Klinefeldt. Comer also was ordered to pay \$101,912.50 in restitution.

While working as a contract salesman for Customer Motivators, Comer sold subscription promotional materials to various businesses, including newspapers and their parent media companies. Comer earned commissions and fees that were pegged to the value of his sales.

Beginning about March 2006 and continuing until the Fall of 2009, Comer began stealing payments from the media companies to Customer Motivators. Without authorization by or knowledge of Customer Motivators, Comer, at a bank in Johnson County, Iowa, opened personal accounts in the name "Aaron Comer DBA Customer Motivators." Comer drafted bogus invoices that instructed the media companies to mail payment checks to Comer's home or office address in Johnson County rather than to Customer Motivators in Florida. Comer then deposited the checks in the unauthorized bank account.

By this means, Comer stole over \$101,912.50 from Customer Motivators.

This case was investigated by the Coralville Police Department and prosecuted by the United States Attorney's Office, Southern District of Iowa.