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**LEADER IN CREDIT CARD SCHEME SENTENCED TO OVER 3 1/2 YEARS IN  
FEDERAL PRISON**

*Nearly \$1 Million Stolen*

**Greenbelt**, Maryland - U.S. District Judge Roger W. Titus sentenced Dain Claude McCalla, age 28, of Mitchellville, Maryland, today to 42 months in prison, followed by three years of supervised release, for two counts of using another's access device such as a credit card in connection with a scheme to take over credit card accounts of others and purchase merchandise, announced United States Attorney for the District of Maryland Rod J. Rosenstein. Judge Titus also ordered McCalla to pay \$944,996.50 in restitution, and to forfeit a BMW car, a computer and cell phones.

According to his plea agreement, from August to November 2005, McCalla, Troy Duncan and Storme Jordan purchased prepaid Mastercards, also known as Store Value Cards ("SVC") from a convenience store and then transferred money to those SVCs from fraudulently obtained credit cards belonging to others. After the funds were transferred to the prepaid Mastercard, McCalla and his coconspirators withdrew the funds at ATM machines.

In addition, from September 2006 to at least March 2007, McCalla, Duncan and Jordan telephoned several credit card issuers and used fraudulently obtained identifying information of victims to obtain new credit card accounts or to take over previously issued credit card accounts. McCalla and others requested that the newly issued credit card or duplicate credit card be sent to an address where they would retrieve it.

The scheme involved the credit card accounts of more than 50 individuals resulting in a loss totaling \$944,996.50.

U.S. District Judge Roger W. Titus sentenced Troy Duncan, age 28, of Beltsville, Maryland, on February 12, 2009 to four years in prison, followed by three years of supervised release, for using another's access device, conspiracy to commit access device fraud and aggravated identity theft. Judge Titus ordered Duncan to pay restitution of \$393,000, the amount attributable to Duncan for his role in the scheme.

Five other defendants have pleaded guilty to varying roles in the scheme: Dain McCalla's brother Christopher McCalla, age 24, of Largo, Maryland; their cousin, Rhoan Anthony McCalla, age 25, of Beltsville; Abu Kondeh, age 24, of Baltimore; Joy Dean, age 23, of Upper Marlboro, Maryland and Storme Jordan, age 30, of Burtonsville, Maryland.

United States Attorney Rod J. Rosenstein thanked the U.S. Secret Service, Baltimore County Police Department, Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority Police Department and Montgomery County State's Attorney John McCarthy and his office for their assistance in this investigation and prosecution. Mr. Rosenstein commended Assistant United States Attorney Bryan E. Foreman, who is prosecuting the case.