



*U.S. Department of Justice  
United States Attorney  
Southern District of Mississippi*

---

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
Friday, June 4, 2010**

**California Woman Sentenced to Seven Years in Federal Prison for Identity Theft in Mississippi**

Jackson, Miss - Crystal Jacinta Burks Singh, 32, of Fairfield, California, was sentenced today to 7 years in federal prison for identity theft and related fraud, U.S. Attorney Donald R. Burkhalter announced. Singh was arrested on November 13, 2009, by the Canton, Mississippi Police Department after she attempted to use a stolen credit card at a local store. She claimed to be another person when arrested, and further investigation revealed her true identity. Singh has multiple aliases and numerous prior felony convictions.

Singh pled guilty to attempting to use stolen credit cards and a matching false driver's license in order to make numerous purchases in Jackson, Richland, Canton and other locations in the Jackson area. She admitted to entering stores and using a phone to call a co-conspirator who would then pose as a customer service representative in order to attempt to persuade a store employee to authorize purchases with the stolen credit card. Singh also used several counterfeit Visa Traveler's checks in the Jackson area to make different purchases. She was successful in fraudulently obtaining thousands of dollars of merchandise before she was arrested by the Canton Police Department.

This case was the result of a joint investigation involving the U. S. Attorney's Office, the United States Secret Service, and the Canton Police Department. Additional investigative assistance was provided by the various businesses who were victimized by these crimes.

###