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TWO CHARGED WITH CREDIT CARD FRAUD

RICHARD S. HARTUNIAN, United States Attorney, Northern District of New York announces the filing of a criminal Complaint charging **PAUL HILL (23, of Brooklyn, New York) and ANDRE GREAVES (23, of Syracuse, New York)**, with conspiracy to commit access device fraud, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1029(a)(1) and (b)(2). If found guilty, the defendants face a statutory maximum sentence of 5 years imprisonment and a maximum fine of \$250,000.00.

These arrests followed from a lengthy investigation conducted by the United States Secret Service, Syracuse Resident Office, the United States Secret Service, New York Field Office, the United States Postal Inspectors, and the Syracuse Police Department. Search warrants executed by agents in Syracuse and Brooklyn revealed more than 500 re-embossed gift cards containing a sixteen digit credit card number and the name ANDRE GREAVES embossed on the cards. Also recovered was an embosser with the name ANDRE GREAVES and a magnetic stripe encoder connected to a lap top computer. Agents determined that these counterfeit cards had been reencoded to appear to be legitimate credit or debit cards. Some of these cards had been used in Syracuse and the greater New York Metropolitan area.

The charges and allegations contained in the Complaint are merely accusations, and the defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Ransom P. Reynolds. Further questions may be directed to Executive Assistant U.S. Attorney John Duncan at (315) 448-0672.