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DEFENDANT CONVICTED IN FRAUD SCHEME

Albany Resident Convicted After Trial of Possessing Unauthorized Credit Card Numbers and Images of Currency

United States Attorney Richard S. Hartunian and Resident Agent-in-Charge William E. Leege of the Albany Resident Office of the U.S. Secret Service announced that KOFI OPOKU-AGYEMANG, age 25, of Albany, New York, was convicted on Friday, June 17, 2011, following a four-day jury trial before the Honorable Thomas J. McAvoy, Senior United States District Judge, in Albany.

KOFI OPOKU-AGYEMANG was convicted of one count of fraud in connection with access devices, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1029, and one count of possession of plates, stones, or analog, digital, or electronic images for counterfeiting government obligations or securities, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 474, and faces a total maximum sentence of thirty-five years imprisonment, a \$500,000 fine, or both.

In substance, the evidence at trial showed that, on or about November 18, 2009, KOFI OPOKU-AGYEMANG, with intent to defraud, possessed and attempted to possess, fifteen or more unauthorized access devices (credit and debit card account numbers obtained from actual accounts of innocent third parties), and possessed digital and electronic images of genuine United States currency, including security features used in such currency. These prohibited items were found on a computer hard drive that was seized from the defendant's vehicle.

Sentencing is scheduled for October 13, 2011, in Albany. The case was investigated by the United States Secret Service, Albany Resident Office, and the Guilderland Police Department, with the cooperation of the Albany Police Department, and is being prosecuted by the United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of New York.

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