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**ROCHESTER MAN CHARGED WITH IDENTITY THEFT AND CREDIT CARD
FRAUD**

RICHARD S. HARTUNIAN, United States Attorney, Northern District of New York announces the filing of a criminal Complaint charging **ANTONY ASARI-HO (48, of Rochester, New York)** with access device fraud, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1029(a)(1), and aggravated identity theft, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1028A. If found guilty, the defendant faces a statutory maximum imprisonment sentence of 10 years, a mandatory minimum sentence of 2 years, and a maximum fine of \$250,000.00.

This arrest followed from an investigation conducted by the United States Secret Service, Syracuse Resident Office, and the Syracuse Police Department. The defendant is being detained pending a detention hearing on May 15, 2012, before U.S. Magistrate Judge David E. Peebles.

The charges and allegations contained in the Complaint are merely accusations, and the defendant is 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.