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**BROOKLYN MAN SENTENCED TO 53 MONTHS IN PRISON
FOR IDENTITY THEFT SCHEME**

LEV L. DASSIN, Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced that BANKY ADEBANJO, a/k/a "Kurt Konigsberger," a/k/a "Bankole Adetayo," was sentenced today to 53 months in prison for his participation in an identity-theft ring responsible for stealing hundreds of credit reports from the credit reporting agency TransUnion LLC. ADEBANJO pleaded guilty on October 30, 2008 to one count of conspiracy to commit bank fraud. United States District Judge LORETTA A. PRESKA imposed the sentence in Manhattan federal court. According to the Complaint and Indictment in this case, as well as statements made in court in connection with ADEBANJO's guilty plea and sentencing:

ADEBANJO and others engaged in a scheme to steal the identity information belonging to hundreds of individual victims and then use that stolen information to steal hundreds of thousands of dollars. ADEBANJO gained access to his victims' identity information by sending letters, purported to be from his victims, to TransUnion LLC, requesting a copy of each individual's credit report and directing TransUnion to change the individual's address to mailboxes controlled by ADEBANJO. ADEBANJO then used the credit reports he obtained, among other ways, to make purchases and obtain credit from banks. After ADEBANJO's arrest, Inspectors with the United States Postal Inspection Service ("USPIS") conducted a search of a bank safe deposit box that was used by ADEBANJO, from which nearly \$800,000 in cash and money orders was seized, as well as a passport and other identification documents that ADEBANJO had obtained using another individual's identity.

In addition to the prison term, Judge PRESKA sentenced ADEBANJO to three years of supervised release, and ordered the forfeiture of \$796,865 in United States currency and money orders seized from the safe deposit box used by ADEBANJO. Judge PRESKA will determine the amount of restitution to be paid by ADEBANJO

at a later date.

ADEBANJO, 37, lived in Brooklyn, New York, until his arrest.

Mr. DASSIN praised the investigative work of the USPIS.

The prosecution is being handled by the Office's Major Crimes Unit. Assistant United States Attorney JOSEPH P. FACCIPONTI is in charge of the prosecution.

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