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**FIGURE IN THEFT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT FROM VERIZON  
IN WHITE PLAINS SENTENCED TO 37 MONTHS IN FEDERAL PRISON**

MICHAEL J. GARCIA, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced that LARRY D. DAVIS, one of the men arrested in connection with the attempted theft of more than \$600,000 of telecommunications equipment from the Verizon Building in White Plains, New York, on the night before Thanksgiving 2004, was sentenced today by United States District Judge STEPHEN C. ROBINSON in White Plains federal court to 37 months in prison. Phone service interruptions were reported by consumers in the Westchester area the night of the crime.

DAVIS is the third man sentenced for his involvement in connection with a conspiracy to steal approximately \$2.4 million of telecommunications equipment from Verizon buildings in the New York metropolitan area.

DAVIS was arrested on November 24, 2004, with GAILICAN PHILLIPS. According to the Complaint, officers from the White Plains Police Department, responding to a report, observed DAVIS and PHILLIPS in front of the Verizon Building in White Plains

pushing carts containing a large number of computer chip boards. After a brief chase, DAVIS and PHILLIPS were apprehended. In a post-arrest statement, PHILLIPS stated that he and DAVIS had removed the computer chip boards from the Verizon Building and planned to deliver them to a co-conspirator, who intended to ship them to a company in California. The computer chip boards ranged in value from \$5,000 to \$70,000, and totaled more than \$600,000.

Two other men were arrested in May 2005 in connection with the case, ROBERT MORRIS and DARRELL FORDE. MORRIS and FORDE along with DAVIS participated in a conspiracy with PHILLIPS to transport stolen computer router boards from New York to California, according to the Indictment.

According to the Indictment, an Information, and statements made during plea proceedings, MORRIS and FORDE participated in four attempts with PHILLIPS to steal a total of approximately \$2.39 million worth of computer chip boards from various New York metropolitan area Verizon buildings during August 2003 through November 2004. Three of these attempts were successful. The chip boards were sent or intended to be sent to a party in California. DAVIS was charged with, and, during his plea allocution, admitted to participating in two of the four thefts.

In addition to his prison term, DAVIS, 44, of Brooklyn, New York, was ordered by Judge ROBINSON to make restitution in

the amount of \$1,767,000 jointly and severally with his co-defendants.

MORRIS, 42, of Queens, New York, was sentenced by Judge ROBINSON on December 28, 2005, to 40 months' imprisonment and restitution in the amount of \$1,767,000.

FORDE, 36, also of Queens, New York, was sentenced by Judge ROBINSON on November 7, 2005, to a sentence of 37 months' imprisonment restitution in the amount of \$1,767,000.

PHILLIPS, 35, of Manhattan, pleaded guilty on May 18, 2005, to a five-count Information. PHILLIPS is scheduled to be sentenced by Judge ROBINSON on February 27, 2006, and faces a maximum sentence of 40 years' imprisonment and a maximum fine of \$250,000 for each count or twice the gross gain or loss resulting from the crime, plus restitution not to exceed \$2 million.

Mr. GARCIA praised the investigative efforts of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and thanked the White Plains Police Department for its assistance in the investigation.

Assistant United States Attorneys JESSE M. FURMAN and MICHAEL BOSWORTH are in charge of the prosecution.

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