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**CREDIT CARD FRAUDSTER AND FUGITIVE  
SENTENCED TO 285 MONTHS IN FEDERAL PRISON**

PREET BHARARA, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced that DARYL SIMON of the Bronx, New York, was sentenced yesterday by United States District Judge STEPHEN C. ROBINSON to 285 months in prison on his convictions for credit card fraud and bail jumping.

In September 2007, SIMON pled guilty to a one-count Information charging him with the unauthorized possession of thousands of credit card account numbers for the purpose of defrauding the account holders by selling their account numbers and making unauthorized purchases using their accounts. SIMON did not appear for sentencing in January 2008, and became a fugitive.

In May 2008, while SIMON was a fugitive, federal agents learned that SIMON had recently been residing in a basement apartment in the Bronx. There they found multiple computers and hard drives, a credit card skimming and encoding device, a credit card embossing machine, high-resolution and thermal dye printers, a scanner, a box of white plastic used to make credit cards and identification cards, a large quantity of fake United States currency, and a gun silencer. The computers and hard drives were found to contain over 1,200 credit card account numbers and related personal information belonging to other people. In October 2008,

SIMON was found in Astoria, New York, where he was arrested by the United States Secret Service and the United States Marshals Service.

In October 2010, SIMON pled guilty to a two-count Information charging him with failure to appear for sentencing and additional acts of credit card fraud arising from his unauthorized possession of credit card account numbers in his Bronx apartment.

At the sentencing proceedings, Judge ROBINSON found that, in an attempt to try to convince the Court to impose a lower sentence, SIMON had intentionally submitted to the Court fake letters of support from individuals and charitable organizations and altered photographs, in which he digitally inserted his own image into photographs of disabled and elderly patients in hospitals and groups of children at school. Judge ROBINSON described SIMON's conduct as an attempt to "commit a fraud on the Court."

Mr. BHARARA praised the efforts and assistance of the United States Secret Service and the United States Marshals Service.

Assistant United States Attorneys ANNA M. SKOTKO and NOLA B. HELLER are in charge of the prosecution.

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