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**BRONX MAN SENTENCED IN MANHATTAN FEDERAL COURT TO 116
MONTHS IN PRISON FOR MASSIVE IDENTITY THEFT AND
CREDIT CARD SCHEME TARGETING DENTISTS**

PREET BHARARA, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, and RONALD J. VERROCHIO, the Inspector-in-Charge of the New York Office of the United States Postal Inspection Service ("USPIS"), announced that MICHAEL A. ROSEBORO , a/k/a "Mike Ross," a/k/a "Michael Johnson," a/k/a "Michael Smith," was sentenced today to 116 months in prison for his participation in a massive identity-theft and credit card fraud scheme in which he targeted and stole the identities of at least 176 dentists. ROSEBORO pleaded guilty on June 29, 2009 to one count of conspiracy to commit credit card fraud, one count of credit card fraud, and one count of aggravated identity theft. United States District Judge VICTOR MARRERO imposed the sentence in Manhattan federal court.

According to the Complaint and the Superseding Indictment, as well as statements made in connection with ROSEBORO's guilty plea and sentencing:

ROSEBORO was the architect of a massive credit card and identity theft scheme whereby he stole the identities of at least 176 dentists, and used the dentists' credit cards to purchase diamonds and other luxury items from retail stores around the country. The fraudulent scheme caused losses to credit card companies and the merchants in the amount of \$1,749,065. In furtherance of the scheme, over a nearly three-year period, ROSEBORO contacted dentists around the country, claiming to be a fraud investigator with Visa Security or Bank of America who was inquiring about potentially fraudulent charges on the dentists' credit cards. In response to ROSEBORO's questions, the dentists

provided their personal identification information, including credit card and social security numbers. ROSEBORO then contacted retail stores, pretending to be the dentists' whose identity he had stolen, and ordered diamonds and other merchandise with the stolen credit cards to be shipped to various addresses in Manhattan and the Bronx.

In addition to the prison term, Judge MARRERO sentenced ROSEBORO to three years of supervised release and ordered ROSEBORO to pay restitution in the amount of \$1,749,065 to Bank of America, American Express, and the various merchants who suffered losses as a result of ROSEBORO's fraudulent scheme.

ROSEBORO, 46, lived in Bronx, New York, until his arrest in 2008.

ROSEBORO's co-defendant, KAREEM HOLMES, 34, Bronx, New York, previously pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to commit credit card fraud and one count of credit card fraud and was sentenced on July 10, 2009, to 10 months in prison.

Mr. BHARARA praised the investigative work of the USPIS.

The prosecution is being handled by the Office's Complex Frauds Unit. Assistant United States Attorney ANTONIA M. APPS is in charge of the prosecution.

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