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NEWS RELEASE

Nathan Allen Kriegler, Ryan A. Pollack, and Evan F. Appel were charged today by indictment¹ with wire and mail fraud charges in connection with a scheme to defraud approximately 19 retail corporations out of approximately \$543,500.67 worth of merchandise, announced United States Attorney Zane David Memeger.

The indictment alleges that Kriegler, Pollack, and Appel were in the business of selling stolen merchandise (including laptop computers, printers, scanners, toner, televisions, and industrial printing equipment) on the Internet auction site eBay. According to the indictment, defendants Kriegler, Pollack, and Appel obtained merchandise by providing false and fraudulent payment to the victim corporations, and then sold the stolen merchandise throughout the United States.

Kriegler also was charged with theft of government property, wire fraud, and bank fraud in connection with three additional alleged fraud schemes. The theft charges relate to Kriegler's passing of 30 worthless checks to United States Postal Service retail locations in exchange for approximately \$86,229 worth of postage stamps, which, according to the indictment, Kriegler later sold on eBay at purchase prices totaling approximately \$83,712. The bank fraud charges relate to a check kiting scheme in which Kriegler kited more than \$500,000 in worthless checks between and among various checking accounts he maintained with 12 different banks. Kriegler also was charged with making false statements and creating false documents to obtain more than \$480,000 in loans.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR YEAR OF BIRTH
Nathan Allen Kriegler	Holland, PA	42
Ryan A. Pollack	Elkins Park, PA	34
Evan F. Appel	Philadelphia, PA	34

¹An indictment is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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If convicted, defendants Pollack and Appel each face a maximum possible sentence of 100 years imprisonment, a \$1.25 million fine, as well as restitution to the victim companies. Defendant Kriegler, if convicted, faces a maximum possible sentence of 190 years imprisonment, a \$3.75 million fine, and restitution to the victim companies and banks.

The case was investigated by the United States Postal Inspection Service and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. It is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Karen M. Klotz.

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