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### ONLINE DATING ID THIEF SENTENCED TO 42 MONTHS

PHILADELPHIA - Jaitass Dhanoa, a/k/a "Jay D. Singh," a/k/a "Jay Singh," 27, of India, was sentenced today to 42 months in prison for a scam in which he used social networking sites as a means to meet his victims and gain access to their personal identifying information. He then used that information to steal their identities and open fraudulent credit card accounts in their names. Dhanoa was charged with and pleaded guilty to three counts of aggravated identity theft, three counts of unauthorized use of an access device, eight counts of bank fraud, and one count of false representation of United States citizenship. He entered the guilty plea on January 20, 2011.

Beginning in October 2007, Dhanoa used social networking sites, such as [www.indiandating.com](http://www.indiandating.com) and [www.match.com](http://www.match.com), to meet young women. Dhanoa, in an effort to seduce these women, lied about his name, his background, his citizenship, his employment, and his intentions. Dhanoa, a citizen of India, told his victims that he was an American citizen working for Deutsche Bank and the International Monetary Fund. To further solidify this ruse, Dhanoa allegedly created fake Deutsche Bank email accounts and a fake American passport. After gaining his victims' trust, Dhanoa stole their credit cards which he then used without authorization, and/or stole their identities which he then used to fraudulently obtain credit cards. The three victims, who were each led to believe they were Dhanoa's sole romantic interest, only found out about his scheme when they were contacted by credit card companies investigating suspicious activities.

In addition to the prison term, U.S. District Court Judge Eduardo C. Robreno ordered Dhanoa to pay a fine of \$1,000 and a \$1,500 special assessment.

The case was investigated by the Philadelphia Police Department, the United States Secret Service, and the United States Postal Inspection Service. It was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Leo R. Tsao and David L. Axelrod.

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