# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA : CRIMINAL NO. 11-

v. : DATE FILED: <u>August 11, 2011</u>

DAVID BALLARD : VIOLATIONS:

18 U.S.C. § 1341 (mail fraud - eight

: counts)

18 U.S.C. § 1028A (aggravated identity

: theft - five counts)
Notice of Forfeiture

# **INDICTMENT**

## **COUNTS ONE THROUGH EIGHT**

#### THE GRAND JURY CHARGES THAT:

#### THE SCHEME

From at least in or about January 2010 through in or about April 2011,
 defendant

#### DAVID BALLARD

devised and intended to devise a scheme to defraud over 1300 individuals, and to obtain money and property by means of false and fraudulent pretenses, representations and promises.

#### MANNER AND MEANS

It was part of the scheme that:

- 2. Defendant DAVID BALLARD obtained names, addresses, dates of birth, social security numbers and other identifying information for over 1300 individuals.
- 3. Defendant DAVID BALLARD used those individuals' identifiers to open credit card and/or other internet payment accounts in those individuals' names. In some instances, he obtained drivers' licenses in his name using the individuals' addresses.

- 4. Defendant DAVID BALLARD purchased various items typically expensive electronic equipment from online retailers using the credit cards he had opened in other individuals' names.
- 5. In most instances, defendant DAVID BALLARD ordered the items to be shipped to the address of the individual whose identifying information defendant BALLARD had used to purchase the item. Then defendant BALLARD would either pick up or attempt to pick up the item by intercepting delivery at that address, or he would seek to intercept the delivery at the shipping company's service center, where he could obtain the item by showing a driver's license bearing the shipment's delivery address.
- 6. From at least in or about January 2010 through in or about April 2011, defendant

#### DAVID BALLARD,

for the purpose of executing the scheme described above, and attempting to do so, ordered from internet retailers items using credit cards in other individuals' names without those individuals' permission, and caused to be delivered, by commercial interstate carrier, items valued in excess of \$55,000, including the items below, each delivery constituting a separate count:

<u>Count</u>	Approximate date on which item was ordered shipped	Items ordered shipped
1	January 1, 2010	Sony Playstation 3 from Home Shopping Network ("HSN") to G.D. in Philadelphia, PA
2	March 11, 2010	Gateway laptop from HSN to C.W. in Philadelphia, PA
3	March 14, 2010	Sony Playstation 3 from HSN to C.W. in Philadelphia, PA
4	September 27, 2010	Sony Playstation 3 from HSN to A.A. in Philadelphia, PA
5	October 1, 2010	Xbox 360 from HSN to A.A. in Philadelphia, PA
6	December 20, 2010	Macbook laptop computer from Apple Store's online store to N.A. in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
7	February 10, 2011	Apple ipod, Sony HD Camcorder from FingerHut.com to A.G. in Philadelphia, PA
8	February 14, 2011	Sony camcorder from HSN to A.G. in Philadelphia, PA

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1341.

## **COUNTS NINE THROUGH THIRTEEN**

## THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES THAT:

On or about April 7, 2011 in Philadelphia, in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, defendant

## **DAVID BALLARD**

knowingly and without lawful authority possessed a means of identification of another person, that is, the names and social security numbers of over 1300 individuals during and in relation to a mail fraud, among them the names and social security numbers for the following individuals, each name and social security number constituting a separate court:

<u>Count</u>	Individual, identified by initials
9	G.D.
10	C.W.
11	A.A.
12	N.A.
13	A.G.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1028A(a)(1), (c)(5).

## **NOTICE OF FORFEITURE**

#### THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FURTHER CHARGES THAT:

1. As a result of the violations of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1341, set forth in this information, defendant

#### **DAVID BALLARD**

shall forfeit to the United States of America any property, real or personal, that constitutes or is derived from proceeds traceable to the commission of such offense, including, but not limited to, a sum in excess of \$40,000.

- 2. If any of the property subject to forfeiture, as a result of any act or omission of the defendant:
  - (a) cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;
  - (b) has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third party;
  - (c) has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the Court;
  - (d) has been substantially diminished in value; or
  - (e) has been commingled with other property which cannot be divided without difficulty;

it is the intent of the United States, pursuant to Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c),

incorporating Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p), to seek forfeiture of any other property of the defendants up to the value of the property subject to forfeiture.

All pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 981(a)(1)(c) and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461.

	A TRUE BILL:	
	GRAND JURY FOREPERSON	
ZANE DAVID MEMEGER United States Attorney		