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TWO CHARGED IN IDENTITY THEFT SCHEME

Kenneth C. Osbourne, Jr. and Sheldon Hylton were charged today by Indictment<sup>1</sup>, filed on August 25, 2011, with conspiracy to commit bank fraud and aggravated identity theft, bank fraud, aggravated identity theft, and aiding and abetting, announced United States Attorney Zane David Memeger. Hylton is also charged with wire fraud and possession, with intent to use unlawfully, five or more false identification documents. He was arrested this morning.

The charges stem from the defendants' participation in an identity theft scheme that resulted in the personal identity information of approximately 86 individuals being compromised. According to the indictment, defendant Osbourne used his position as a customer service representative at AmeriHealth Administrators, Inc. to access customers' personal identity information, including names, dates of birth, social security numbers, and bank account numbers, and passed this information along to defendant Hylton. Hylton, in turn, obtained counterfeit checks that were printed using the victims' names, addresses, and bank account numbers. The indictment alleges that, between October 2009 and January 2010, defendant Hylton and other co-conspirators deposited approximately 48 counterfeit checks totaling approximately \$289,846.82 into TD Bank accounts, and subsequently withdrew approximately \$189,300 cash from these accounts. According to the indictment, defendant Hylton also used the personal identity information of five victims to access online adult pornography web sites. Hylton also was charged with possession of 15 counterfeit Pennsylvania driver's licenses.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR YEAR OF BIRTH
Kenneth C. Osbourne, Jr.	Philadelphia, PA	35
Sheldon Hylton	Philadelphia, PA	22

If convicted, defendant Osbourne faces a maximum possible sentence of 57 years' imprisonment, including a mandatory term of imprisonment of 2 years, a \$4 million fine, a five-year term of supervised release, and a \$1,300 special assessment. Defendant Hylton faces a maximum

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<sup>1</sup> An Indictment or Information is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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possible sentence of 82 years' imprisonment, including a mandatory term of imprisonment of 2 years, a \$4.5 million fine, a five-year term of supervised release, and a \$1,500 special assessment

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

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