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## STEVENS POINT MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO MAIL FRAUD

Madison, Wis. - John W. Vaudreuil, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Daniel H. Weiler, 43, of Stevens Point, Wis., pleaded guilty today to executing a mail fraud scheme and obtaining \$78,750. United States District Judge William M. Conley set sentencing for May 12, 2011, at 1:00 p.m. Weiler faces a maximum penalty of twenty years in prison, a \$250,000 fine, and restitution of \$78,750.

The government's proof at the guilty plea hearing established that Weiler was employed as a salesperson and store manager at the Furniture & ApplianceMart in Stevens Point from 1993 through June 2007. In June 2007, Weiler was fired for poor performance.

SHC Direct, located in Downers Grove, Ill., managed a sales incentive program for the Sony Corporation by which salespersons selling eligible products were rewarded with payments in the form of a reloadable debit card. The government alleges that Weiler created and submitted false sales invoices totaling \$2,475,268.30 from August 2007 through March 2008. These sales invoices falsely represented that Weiler was still employed at the Furniture & ApplianceMart and falsely represented that he was selling Sony products for which he was eligible for sales incentive payments. As a result of the false invoices, Weiler was paid \$78,750 from SHC Direct.

Today's guilty plea is the result of an investigation conducted by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service. The prosecution of this case has been handled by United States Attorney John W. Vaudreuil.

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