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MHIT Makes Arrest for Fraudulent Credit Cards

WHEELING, WV – United States Attorney William J. Ihlenfeld, II, announced that the Mountaineer Highway Interdiction Team (MHIT) arrested DEVIN MARWIN SIMMONS, age 25, of Belleville, Michigan, after a traffic stop on Interstate 70 on September 21, 2011. A consensual search of the vehicle was conducted and 126 allegedly fraudulent credit cards were discovered in hidden locations.

Multiple felony charges against SIMMONS are pending in state court. Members of MHIT are working closely with the Ohio County Prosecuting Attorney’s Office and other federal law enforcement partners to look further into this matter, and to identify potential victims.

“The Mountaineer Highway Interdiction Team keeps a close eye on the roadways within the Northern District, and they encounter a wide variety of illegal activity,” said Captain James Merrill, West Virginia State Police, Troop 1 Commander. “The primary goal of MHIT is to disrupt criminal organizations and this traffic stop and seizure of fraudulent credit cards has certainly disrupted the organization with which the suspect is allegedly involved.”

The Mountaineer Highway Interdiction Team includes the Drug Enforcement Administration, the West Virginia State Police, the Ohio County Sheriff’s Department, the Wheeling Police Department and the United States Attorney’s Office for the Northern District. They are being assisted in this case by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the United States Secret Service.

It should be noted that the charges are merely accusations and not evidence of guilt, and that each defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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