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MAN SENTENCED TO 16 MONTHS FOR SOCIAL SECURITY FRAUD

Ronnie Lee Johnson, a/k/a "Ronnie Lee Durham," and "Ronnie Paul Johnson," 51, of Alexandria, Virginia and formerly of Feasterville, Pennsylvania, was sentenced today to 16 months in prison, announced United States Attorney Zane David Memeger. The defendant previously pled guilty to five counts of Social Security Fraud in connection with his use of a stolen Social Security number and date of birth. The defendant, who stole the victim's Social Security number while working as a Database Administrator in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, used the stolen Social Security number and date of birth to open bank accounts, obtain a debit card, and obtain employment. The defendant also obtained four driver's licenses over a period of approximately three years in four different states, and also obtained two passports by altering his appearance and applying for one under the name Ronnie Johnson, and the other under the name Ronnie Durham.

In addition to the 16 month prison sentence, the defendant was ordered to pay a $3,000 fine, and to serve 3 years of supervised release following his prison term.

The case was investigated by the Social Security Administration, Office of Inspector General, the Diplomatic Security Service, and the Lower Southampton Police Department; and is being prosecuted by Special Assistant United States Attorney Amanda R. Reinitz.

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