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BUFFALO MAN SENTENCED FOR WIRE FRAUD

BUFFALO, N.Y.—U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Daryl J. Chase, 42, of Buffalo, N.Y., who pleaded guilty to wire fraud, was sentenced to time-served, six months home detention with electronic monitoring, and three years supervised release by Judge William M. Skretny. Judge Skretny also ordered Chase to pay restitution totaling \$18,338 to the victims.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Edward H. White, who handled the case, stated that the defendant operated a fraudulent vending machine sales business under five different names. Chase advertised vending machine equipment for sale on the internet prompting six individuals to pay him a total of \$18,338 for the purported purchase of vending machine equipment. After receiving the payments, the defendant never delivered the vending machines or refunded the payments to any of the buyers.

The sentencing is the culmination of an investigation on the part of Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation under the direction of Christopher M. Piehota, Special Agent in Charge.

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