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NINTH PERSON SENTENCED IN COUNTERFEIT CREDIT CARD RING

BUFFALO, N.Y.— U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Siu S. Cheung, 51, of Fort Lauderdale, FL, who was convicted of conspiracy to commit bank fraud, was sentenced to 12 months in prison and five years supervised release by U.S. District Court Judge William M. Skretny. Judge Skretny also ordered Huang to pay restitution in the amount of \$50,000.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Aaron J. Mango, who handled the case, stated that the defendant participated in a credit card counterfeiting ring. Between July 23, 2009 and December 12, 2009, Cheung and eight co-defendants obtained the credit and debit account numbers of hundreds of bank customers and used those account numbers to produce hundreds of counterfeit credit and debit cards. The defendants then used those counterfeit cards to fraudulently withdraw cash from ATMs located at the Seneca Niagara Casino, the Seneca Allegany Casino, the Salamanca Bingo Hall, and various other casinos located throughout the country. Through this scheme, the defendants and other co-defendants obtained a total of \$510,500 using the counterfeit cards.

Cheung is the ninth and final defendant to be sentenced in the case.

The conviction was the culmination of an investigation on the part of the Special Agents of the United States Secret Service, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Tracy Gast, the New York State Police - Seneca Gaming Detail and Seneca Allegany Gaming Detail under the direction of Captain Daniel B. Hart, and the New York State Police - Special Investigation Unit under the direction of Major Matthew S. Renneman.