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SEVENTH PERSON SENTENCED IN COUNTERFEIT CREDIT CARD RING

BUFFALO, N.Y.– U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Rungen Huang, 38 of Pembroke Pines, FL, who was convicted of conspiracy to commit bank fraud, was sentenced to 33 months in prison by Chief U.S. District Court Judge William M. Skretny. Chief Judge Skretny also ordered Huang to pay restitution in the amount of \$123,000.

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, Huang and eight co-defendants fraudulently 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.

All nine defendants have pleaded guilty and Huang is the seventh to be sentenced.

The sentencing is 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.

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