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MOBILE WOMAN RECEIVES TWO YEAR SENTENCE FOR AGGRAVATED IDENTITY THEFT IN STOLEN CHECK SCHEME

A Mobile woman has received a two year prison sentence for her participation in a stolen mail/identity theft ring.

In March 2008, Melissa Rochelle Holifield of Mobile, Alabama, was charged in a fourteen-count federal indictment with theft of mail, bank fraud, and aggravated identity theft. She subsequently pleaded guilty to one count of aggravated identity theft, admitting that she had used checks that Holifield stole from the U.S. Mail to purchase items at local retailers during the Christmas season in 2007.

Today, Chief U.S. District Judge Ginny Granade sentenced Holifield to a 24 month term of imprisonment. The two year sentence was required by federal statute.

This case was investigated by the Mobile Police Department and the United States Postal Inspection Service. It was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney D. Andrew Sigler.

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