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TWO MEN SENTENCED TODAY FOR IDENTITY THEFT SCHEME

PRESS RELEASE

Timothy M. Morrison, Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that ERICK R. ANDERSON, 31, and CHARLEY WALKER, JR., 47, Indianapolis, Indiana, were sentenced today by U.S. District Judge David F. Hamilton following their August guilty pleas to identity theft and bank fraud. ANDERSON received 15 months of imprisonment and WALKER received 5 years probation and 6 months home confinement. This case was the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Marion County Sheriff's Department.

The investigation began in October 2004 when an individual reported in Ohio that his identity had been used to purchase a vehicle in Indianapolis. The FBI determined that one vehicle loan had been made already, and another was scheduled to take place at an Indianapolis bank on March 17, 2005. An undercover FBI agent placed herself in the bank to watch the fraudulent transaction. WALKER was subsequently arrested for trying to obtain bank funds in the amount of \$32,000. A chase ensued outside of the bank with the driver, ANDERSON, who drove away after WALKER was arrested. ANDERSON stopped at a nearby trash can to throw away several documents which were recovered and had several other documents on his person when he was stopped and arrested. WALKER's conduct was limited to this single attempted transaction, however, ANDERSON's conduct was then linked to his role in purchasing five properties using the Ohio victim's identification information. Each of these loans were fraudulent and the houses have gone into foreclosure. One other defendant, LON CAMPBELL, has been indicted as a related defendant to the mortgage fraud and his case is still pending.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Gayle L. Helart, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Hamilton also ordered ANDERSON to make restitution in the amount of \$95,509.00, and both will be supervised for 5 years.

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