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JACKSONVILLE MAN SENTENCED TO MORE THAN SEVEN YEARS IN COUNTERFEIT CHECK CASE

Jacksonville, Florida - United States Attorney Robert E. O'Neill announced that today in United States District Court, Jacksonville, Florida, Laquinn Clifton Herring, age 29, of Jacksonville, was sentenced by the Honorable Henry Lee Adams, Jr. to a total sentence of imprisonment of seven years and 11 months. Herring's sentencing came as a result of his conviction for his involvement in a counterfeit corporate check distribution ring operating in Jacksonville. He pleaded guilty to one count of passing a counterfeit check which purported to be issued by a genuine organization. Herring received a sentence of 60 months imprisonment for that offense. Because Herring was on supervised release for a 2004 federal conviction, also for counterfeit corporate check fraud, Judge Adams then sentenced him to a consecutive term of imprisonment of 30 months for violating his supervised release, for the total 93 month sentence.

According to court documents, Herring provided various other individuals with the counterfeit checks, and received the bulk of the proceeds from the check passers who negotiated the instruments. Checks connected to this organization were passed in the Jacksonville area and in Gainesville.

The case was investigated by agents assigned to the United States Secret Service's High Tech Crimes Task Force in Jacksonville, and was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney and Senior Litigation Counsel Kathleen O'Malley.