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JACKSONVILLE MAN SENTENCED FOR AGGRAVATED IDENTITY THEFT

Jacksonville, FL - U.S. District Judge Henry Lee Adams sentenced Lemar B. Christian, age 40, to a total of six years and six months' imprisonment on charges of conspiracy, credit card fraud, and aggravated identity theft. Christian was sentenced to two years and six months' imprisonment for the credit card fraud, followed by a mandatory consecutive sentence of two years for the crime of aggravated identity theft. Because Christian was on supervised release for a prior federal identity theft conviction that occurred in Delaware in 2002, when he committed the new criminal conduct, he was also sentenced to two years' imprisonment for violation of that supervision.

Christian used identity information of multiple victims to rent property and open phone and internet service accounts. He then obtained credit cards in the victims' names, and used them to order goods and merchandise over the internet. He paid child support, using one such fraudulent credit card. He stole the identities of at least 24 individuals.

The case was investigated by the United States Postal Inspection Service and prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney and Senior Litigation Counsel Kathleen O'Malley.