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MAN CHARGED WITH MAIL FRAUD SCHEME TO OBTAIN FRAUDULENT CREDIT CARDS

PRESS RELEASE

Timothy M. Morrison, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that PHILIP J. HOBLIN, 42, formerly of Evansville, Indiana, was charged yesterday with four counts of mail fraud, following an investigation by the U.S. Secret Service and the Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Department.

The Information alleges that between August 29, 2003, and February 12, 2008, HOBLIN received numerous credit cards in the United States Mail that he applied for using the names and personal identification information of other persons without lawful authority. The Information further alleges that Hoblin then made fraudulent charges on the credit cards for his own benefit totaling more than \$700,000.

According to Assistant U. S. Attorney Todd S. Shellenbarger, who is prosecuting the case for the government, HOBLIN faces a maximum possible prison sentence of 20 years and a maximum possible fine of \$250,000. An initial hearing will be scheduled before a U.S. Magistrate Judge in Evansville, Indiana.

The Information is an allegation only, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at trial or by guilty plea.

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