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ATLANTA MAN SENTENCED FOR STEALING 225 PERSONS' IDENTITIES THROUGH WORLDWIDE IDENTITY THEFT SCAM

Yaman to Face Deportation Following Completion of his Prison Term

Atlanta, GA--SARP YAMAN, 27, of Atlanta, Georgia, was sentenced today by United States District Judge Richard W. Story on charges of aggravated identity theft, relating to an international scheme to steal identities. YAMAN pleaded guilty to these charges on May 15, 2007.

United States Attorney David E. Nahmias said, "This conviction is the result of excellent work by the multi-agency Northern District of Georgia Identity Theft Financial Crimes Task Force in collaring an international identity thief before he was able to misuse all of the identification information he had stolen. We particularly commend the Atlanta Police Department and some very perceptive officers, whose examination of a single computer in a small apartment in Atlanta led the way to uncovering a multi-national scam."

YAMAN was sentenced to 3 years, 6 months in federal prison. There is no parole in the federal system. Upon his release from prison, YAMAN will be immediately turned over to United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement to face deportation proceedings.

According to Nahmias and the evidence in court: In order to make and attempt to make charges against their credit cards and bank accounts and to obtain new accounts in their names, YAMAN stole the identities of 225 persons from the internet in the United States and 27 foreign countries, including their names, addresses, social security numbers, dates of birth, multiple credit card numbers, expiration dates, and bank account numbers. The documented credit lines stolen by YAMAN totaled over \$1.5 million, although limits for many of the stolen credit cards could not be established because they were issued by foreign banks. YAMAN also assumed the identity of a number of these 225 persons to fraudulently forward their mail to his apartment in order to steal their U.S. Treasury Checks, credit card solicitations, and other mail, and to open new accounts and lines of credit in their identity. YAMAN used his computer both to steal these 225 identities and to make fraudulent charges against their accounts with internet vendors. Some of the victims were able to determine that

their credit cards were being charged without their permission for items forwarded to an address in Atlanta, later found to be YAMAN's apartment, and contacted the Atlanta Police Department. APD took immediate steps to locate and execute a search of the location, then worked with the United States Secret Service agents and United States Postal Inspectors in the investigation of the case.

This case was investigated by Special Agents of the United States Secret Service and Inspectors of the United States Postal Inspection Service with the assistance of the Atlanta Police Department.

Assistant United States Attorney Gale McKenzie prosecuted the case.

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