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### **BUSINESSMEN SENTENCED FOR BANKRUPTCY AND SOCIAL SECURITY FRAUD**

On July 26, 2007, the United States Court for the Southern District of Mississippi, rendered judgments in the Government's case against **NAJEH AHMED MOHAMMED SULEIMAN** and **MAHER SALEM MUSA HAMAD**, who operated two businesses in the Jackson area under the name "Beauty Masters." The businesses used stolen or fraudulent social security numbers to open unsecured credit lines. **SULEIMAN and HAMAD** used the credit to purchase inventory for the two businesses and then either made no payments or minimum payments only to the credit card companies.

When the businesses filed for chapter 11 bankruptcy protection, an investigation, conducted jointly by the United States Trustee's Office, the FBI, the Social Security Administration-Office of Inspector General and the United States Postal Inspection Service, revealed approximately \$1 Million in assets which were under-reported to the bankruptcy court.

On December 5, 2006, both **SULEIMAN and HAMAD** were indicted and charged with bankruptcy fraud and fraudulent use of a social security number. Based on guilty pleas entered by the subjects, **HAMAD** was sentenced to twelve (12) months in prison, two (2) years supervised release, and was ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$1,571.00. **SULEIMAN** was sentenced to thirty (30) months in prison, three (3) years supervised release, and was ordered to pay restitution in the amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000).

This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Marc Perez. United States Attorney, Dunn Lampton, stated, "I am very pleased with the outcome of this matter."

Frederick T. Brink, Special Agent in Charge of the FBI in Mississippi, praised the cooperative efforts of all the agents and agencies involved in the investigation and successful prosecution of this case, which resulted in substantial sentences for both defendants.