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**MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO MAIL THEFT
IDENTITY FRAUD AND BANK FRAUD**

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE – David Bridgham, formerly of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, pled guilty in U.S. District Court in Concord today to charges of Mail Fraud and Wire Fraud, punishable by up to a maximum prison term of twenty years and possible fines of up to \$250,000, or both. The defendant was originally charged by an Information filed in January of 2009, after his activities were brought to the attention of the United States Attorney’s office by officers of the New Hampshire Department of Safety.

The defendant pled guilty to using the U.S. mails and interstate wire communications in furtherance of a course of conduct in which he defrauded numerous customers of “Northeast Conversions”, a business the defendant owned and operated, by misappropriating funds sent to the defendant by customers for his own use, primarily to fund the continued operation of his business. The customers defrauded included some from other states as well as from New Hampshire. The defendant was detained pending his sentencing, which is set for July 1, 2009 at 10:30 A.M.

Acting U.S. Michael J. Gunnison stated: “This office will continue to commit its resources to ensuring that New Hampshire is never used a base from which to conduct any sort of multi-state fraud, and to see to it that all such offenses are vigorously prosecuted.”

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Alfred Rubega.