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FORMER EVANSVILLE RESIDENT SENTENCED TO 33 MONTHS IN PRISON FOR CREDIT CARD FRAUD

PRESS RELEASE

Timothy M. Morrison, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that PHILIP J. HOBLIN, 43, formerly of Evansville, Indiana, was sentenced to 33 months imprisonment late Friday by U.S. District Judge Richard L. Young following his guilty plea to four counts of mail fraud. This case was the result of an investigation by the U.S. Secret Service and the Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Department.

Between September, 2005 and August, 2007, HOBLIN, for his personal benefit, ran up more than \$723,000 of unauthorized credit card charges. HOBLIN admitted that he defrauded four credit card companies by using the identity of other persons to obtain credit cards.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Todd S. Shellenbarger, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Young also imposed 3 years supervised release following HOBLIN 's release from imprisonment. HOBLIN was ordered to make restitution in the amount of \$723,878.

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