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## **SECRET SERVICE MOST WANTED FUGITIVE CAPTURED IN PEABODY, MASSACHUSETTS**

(Washington, D.C.) – Miguel Jesurum, wanted for access device fraud, aggravated identity theft and conspiracy to commit wire fraud, was arrested by local police early Saturday morning, March 10, 2012, in Peabody, Massachusetts.

Jesurum, 30, was wanted by the United States Secret Service for his involvement in a \$250 million cell phone cloning scheme. Those participating in the scheme allegedly stole information from cell phone accounts and used this information to run a lucrative black market in international calling.

On February 1, 2012, the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York announced charges against 12 defendants in this case, including Jesurum and Juegers Veloz, who is also featured on the Secret Service's Most Wanted web page.

A sergeant from the Peabody Police Department pulled over the vehicle Jesurum was driving shortly before 3 a.m. on Saturday morning. Jesurum was transferred to federal custody on Monday in conjunction with his initial court appearance, which is scheduled to be held today, March 12, in Massachusetts.

“Through the use of strong investigative techniques and practices, the Secret Service and its law enforcement partners in multiple jurisdictions successfully prevented further criminal activity and brought these perpetrators to justice,” said Brian Parr, Special Agent in Charge of the Secret Service's New York Field Office, following the February indictments.

The Secret Service is recognized worldwide for its investigative expertise and for its aggressive and innovative approach to the detection, investigation and prevention of financial crimes. While payment methods have changed over the years – from coin and paper currency, to checks, credit cards, and now, online transactions – the Secret Service remains committed to safeguarding the payment and financial systems of the United States.

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Jesurum and Veloz were placed on the U.S. Secret Service Most Wanted Fugitives list on February 17. The list of persons wanted by the Secret Service is available on the Internet at <http://www.secretservice.gov/mostwanted.shtml>. Anyone with information regarding these individuals should contact the Secret Service at 877-242-3375. The general public is cautioned not to attempt to apprehend any of these individuals. Contact the Secret Service or local police or if overseas, the nearest U.S. Consulate if you have information regarding these cases.

It should be noted that the subjects in this matter have only been charged with a criminal offense. Individuals are presumed innocent until being convicted in a criminal court.

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