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### **Maryland Man Pleads Guilty in Mortgage Fraud Scheme**

WASHINGTON - Noah Black, 42, of Hyattsville, Md., pled guilty today to federal charges of wire fraud and aggravated identity theft in connection with a mortgage fraud scheme, announced U.S. Attorney Ronald C. Machen Jr., James W. McJunkin, Assistant Director in Charge of the FBI's Washington Field Office, and David Beach, Special Agent in Charge, Washington Field Office, U.S. Secret Service.

Black entered his guilty pleas in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. The Honorable Judge Richard W. Roberts scheduled sentencing for June 16, 2011.

According to the factual proffer presented to the Court, during May 2006, Black arranged a fraudulent real estate sale of a home in Upper Marlboro, Md. that at one time was owned in the name of one of his family members. Black pretended to be another individual, referred to in Court as "D.S.," in order to secure mortgage loans of approximately \$700,000. He had obtained the identifying information of "D.S." when Black, a realtor, attempted to sell a different home to the victim.

In order to corroborate his alleged identity, Black had a fraudulent Maryland driver's license created. The license combined Black's own photo with the identifying information of the victim. He continued using the fraudulent identification when he obtained two motor vehicles by fraud later that year.

On or about May 18, 2006, as part of the settlement process on the home in Upper Marlboro and relying upon the defendant's fraudulent representations, New Century Mortgage Corp., which is located in Reston, Virginia, sent a fax to Settlement Solutions, which is located in Maryland. After the sale was completed, the mortgage eventually went into default while it was listed as owned by "D.S."

In announcing the guilty plea, U.S. Attorney Machen, Assistant Director McJunkin and Special Agent in Charge Beach praised the outstanding work of the Special Agents who worked on the case from the FBI's Washington Field Office and Secret Service. They also acknowledged the assistance of Paralegal Specialist Mary Treanor, and Assistant United States Attorney Thomas E. Zeno, who prosecuted this case.

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