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ROSCOE WOMAN SENTENCED FOR MAIL FRAUD, AGGRAVATED IDENTIFY THEFT AND THEFT OF U.S. MAIL

ROCKFORD — A Roscoe, Ill. woman was sentenced today in federal court before U.S. District Judge Frederick J. Kapala to charges of mail fraud, aggravated identity theft and theft of U.S. mail. **Stacy L. Wallin**, 40, of Roscoe, was sentenced to 20 months in federal prison for mail fraud and theft of the U.S. mail, to be served concurrently, and 24 months for aggravated identity theft to be served consecutive to the 20 months, for a total term of 44 months imprisonment. In addition, the Court ordered Wallin to pay \$35,750 in restitution to the victims.

Wallin, who pled guilty on September 20, 2012, admitted that from approximately June 2011 through June 2012, she devised a scheme to defraud at least ten individuals in Roscoe, Illinois, and local financial institutions, by fraudulently acquiring merchandise and U. S. currency totaling at least \$30,000 by paying for the merchandise, and acquiring the United States currency, with credit cards that were not hers.

According to the written plea agreement, Wallin admitted she stole mail from other residents' mailboxes located in Roscoe, Illinois that contained victim individuals' personal identifiable information. Using the stolen information, Wallin applied for and opened credit card accounts in those individuals' names, and used those credit cards to purchase merchandise on the

Internet and at local businesses. Wallin also used the credit cards to obtain United States currency from the automated teller machines of local financial institutions.

The sentencing was announced by Gary S. Shapiro, Acting United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, and Thomas P. Brady, Inspector-in-Charge of the U.S. Postal Inspection Service in Chicago. The Winnebago County Sheriff's Department assisted in the investigation.

The government was represented by Assistant U.S. Attorney Scott R. Paccagnini.

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