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**DAVENPORT SENTENCED TO TEN YEARS IN PRISON FOR
FRAUDULENT USE OF ACCESS DEVICES**

Baltimore, Maryland - Allen F. Loucks, United States Attorney for the District of Maryland, announced that Donald Davenport, age 37, of Chicago, Illinois, was sentenced today after pleading guilty last year to fraudulent use of access devices in connection with a pick-pocket ring that victimized travelers at BWI Airport and those in attendance at the Preakness in May 2004. U.S. District Court Judge William D. Quarles, Jr. sentenced Davenport to ten years imprisonment, followed by three years of supervised release, and ordered him to pay restitution to the victims in the amount of \$8,738.00.

According to the statement of facts presented to the court at his guilty plea on December 17, 2004, Davenport was one of a four-person band of thieves who traveled to Baltimore solely to pick-pocket those in attendance at the Preakness. They stole credit cards, jewelry, and other valuables from unknowing victims. When apprehended at BWI Airport, a search of the group's luggage uncovered several stolen credit cards, equipment used to make counterfeit identification cards, stolen check books, jewelry, and various items purchased from department stores with the stolen credit cards.

Judge Quarles imposed the ten year sentence, the maximum allowed by statute, based upon Davenport's twenty-year career in pick-pocketing and to serve as a deterrent for others.

This case was investigated by the United States Secret Service and prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Ari S. Casper.