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**MAN SENTENCED IN WHITE PLAINS TO 37 MONTHS**  
**IN FEDERAL CREDIT CARD FRAUD SCHEME**

MICHAEL J. GARCIA, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced that FLORIM GJONBALAJ, a/k/a "Chulo," was sentenced today in White Plains federal court on a charge of conspiracy to commit access device fraud. The scheme involved more than 40 victims and more than \$200,000 in losses.

GJONBALAJ was sentenced by Judge STEPHEN C. ROBINSON to 37 months in prison and 3 years of supervised release. In addition, he was ordered to pay more than \$200,000 in restitution.

According to the defendant's admission and statements of the Government during the defendant's plea, the defendant conspired with co-conspirators to make more than \$200,000 in unauthorized charges on credit card numbers stolen from businesses in New York and Connecticut. Those credit card numbers were then used to make purchases at stores, including a consumer appliance store in Yonkers, New York, and a jewelry store in Manhattan.

Mr. GARCIA praised the investigative efforts of the United States Postal Inspection Service, the United States Secret Service, and the Yonkers Police Department.

Assistant United States Attorney NICHOLAS L. McQUAID is in charge of the prosecution.

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