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HILLSBORO MAN SENTENCED TO 61 MONTHS IN PRISON FOR FRAUDULENTLY OBTAINING CREDIT CARDS, OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE

Presented phony document at bond hearing claiming he had cancer

CINCINNATI – David Bliss, 46, of Hillsboro was sentenced in United States District Court here today to a total of 61 months imprisonment following guilty pleas to charges that he obtained credit cards using someone else's identity and presented a phony medical lab report at a bond hearing claiming that he had cancer.

Carter M. Stewart, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio, Thomas Mazur, Special Agent in Charge, U.S. Secret Service, and Dugan T. Wong, Assistant Inspector In Charge, U.S. Postal Inspection Service announced the sentence handed down today by Senior U.S. District Judge S. Arthur Spiegel.

Bliss pleaded guilty on April 15, 2010 to one count of conspiracy to commit bank fraud, one count of aggravated identity theft, and one count of obstruction of justice.

Bliss admitted that he used another person's name, date of birth and Social Security number to open three credit card accounts between September 2007 and June 2008. He bought goods and services totaling more than \$14,000 with the cards.

A federal grand jury indicted Bliss in April 2009 and a warrant was issued for his arrest. Las Vegas, Nevada police officers arrested Bliss there in September 2009. Bliss was returned to Cincinnati for court appearances.

Bliss filed a motion for bond in November 2009 and presented the judge with a lab report showing he had cancer. Investigation determined that the lab report was fraudulent and Bliss was charged with obstruction of justice.

Bliss's sentence includes 37 months for the bank fraud and obstruction of justice charges and 24 months for the aggravated identity theft charge. Judge Spiegel ordered the sentences to run consecutively.

Bliss's wife, Darla Bliss, pleaded guilty on July 29, 2009 to one count of conspiracy to commit bank fraud. She is scheduled to be sentenced on October 12, 2010.

Stewart commended the cooperative investigation by Secret Service agents and Postal Inspectors, and Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Kevin Tierney, who prosecuted the case.

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