

Suspect Sentenced in Identity Fraud Scheme

On June 9, 2008, Stephen Francis, of Lanham, Maryland, was convicted of theft and sentenced in the District Court of Maryland for Montgomery County, Maryland. Francis was sentenced to 18 months in jail, which the judge suspended to an 18-month supervised probation. Francis was also ordered to pay a \$300 fine and a \$58 special assessment.

Francis used the stolen identity of an EPA employee to establish cellular telephone service for five cell phone accounts. During the investigation, the original cellular service agreement was obtained and forwarded to the U.S. Secret Service Forensics Laboratory for latent fingerprint analysis. The fingerprints identified on the document were used to identify Francis as the suspect in this case.

(Case Cost: \$644,155)