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Credit Card Department Manager Sentenced for Bank Fraud and Identity Theft

(Richmond, Va.) – Bernard James Brown, Jr., age 38, of Saluda, Virginia, was sentenced today to 27 months in prison. Brown pled guilty on January 27, 2009, to bank fraud and identity theft. In addition to time in prison, Brown was ordered to pay \$65,372.92 in restitution to Eastern Virginia Bankshares (EVB).

Dana J. Boente, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia; and Keith Fixel, Postal Inspector in Charge, United States Postal Inspection Service, Charlotte Division, made the announcement after sentencing by United States District Judge James R. Spencer.

According to court documents, from about June 9, 2006, until April 8, 2008, Brown, was the manager of the credit card department at EVG. During that time, without approval or authorization from EVB or the account holder he victimized, he utilized a stolen access device and unique electronic identification number, address and routing code to withdraw money from the victim's account through cash advances and purchases. As manager of the credit card department of EVB, Brown reopened the closed credit card account of the victim, changed the address and name on the account, fraudulently reissued an access device for the victim account, and used the stolen access device to withdraw money from the victim's account through cash advances, and made purchases for his personal use.

This case was investigated by the United States Postal Inspection Service as a member of the Metro-Richmond Identity Theft Task Force. Other member agencies include: the Secret Service; the Federal Bureau of Investigation; Bureau of Diplomatic Security, U.S. Department of State; Richmond Police Department; and the Chesterfield County Police Department; and Henrico County Division of Police. Prosecutions for the Task Force are handled by the United States Attorney's Office and the Office of the Attorney General for the Commonwealth of Virginia. For more information on the Task Force, including assistance for victims of identity theft, visit: www.richmondIDtheft.com.

Assistant United States Attorney Michael R. Gill and Special Assistant United States Attorney Charles A. Quagliato, an Assistant to the Attorney General of Virginia, prosecuted the case for the United States.

A copy of this press release may be found on the website of the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Virginia at <http://www.usdoj.gov/usao/vae>. Related court documents and information may be found on the website of the District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia at <http://www.vaed.uscourts.gov> or on <http://pacer.uspci.uscourts.gov>.

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