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**A photograph of a fugitive in this case is attached.*

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Three Defendants Plead Guilty to Conspiracy and \$600,000 Bank Fraud Scheme

(Richmond, Va.) – Chad Antoine Vieux, age 27, of Central Islip, New York, pled guilty today to Conspiracy to Commit Bank Fraud, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1349, and one count of Bank Fraud, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1344. On April 2, 2009, Happie Harris, age 27 of Chester, Virginia, and on May 4, 2009, Sandra Caiby-Ramkissoon, age 37, of Glen Allen, Virginia also pled guilty to the same charges. The maximum penalty on each count is 30 years in prison, a \$1,000,000 fine, full restitution, and 5 years of supervised release to follow any prison term.

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. United States District Judge Robert E. Payne is scheduled to sentence Vieux on August 7, 2009; Caiby on July 24, 2009; and Harris on July 10, 2009.

According to court documents, beginning in 2007, Caiby, Vieux, and Harris conspired with individuals who targeted victims with large amounts of available credit on their Home Equity Line of Credit (HELOC) and credit card accounts. These other individuals obtained personal and financial information for various victims. They then obtained accounts with companies that provide what is commonly called a "caller-ID spoofing" service. This allowed the individuals to make a call appear as though they were coming from the victims' homes. Armed with the victims' financial and personal information, these individuals then called the victims' financial institution, answered security questions, changed account passwords, obtained account balances, and transferred funds from the victims' accounts. The funds were ultimately transferred into bank accounts under the control of the defendants.

Once the defendants received the money, they provided the funds to the individuals who had collected the financial information of the victims and called their financial institutions, keeping a percentage of the funds as payment for allowing their bank accounts to be used to facilitate the fraud. The total fraud and intended fraud perpetrated by the defendants exceeds \$600,000.

Shannon Lamont Greene, a/k/a/ Devonte Carr, Devonte Green, and Shannon Israel, age 32, of New York, was also charged. He remains a fugitive. Greene was last seen in New York, but is known to frequent the Eastern District of Virginia, and Richmond specifically. If you have any information related to the whereabouts of Greene, please notify the United States Postal Inspection Service National Law Enforcement Control Center at 1-888-8765322.

The investigation was conducted by the United States Postal Inspection Service. Assistant United States Attorney John D. Adams prosecuted the case on behalf of 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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