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Identity Theft and more...

.... see what happened this past week in the Eastern District of Louisiana

CASE SPOTLIGHT

United States v. Robinson

22-cr-081

What's the Basis?: According to the factual basis, an envelope found in the trash can near the New Orleans International Airport contained four false U.S. passport cards, five fraudulent credit cards, and four authentic debit cards. The passport cards displayed the photograph of the defendant, **Robinson**, alongside other individuals' identifying information. Investigators traced the debit cards to bank accounts **Robinson** had opened using stolen identities.

The accounts enabled participants to cash fraudulent checks while posing as legitimate accountholders. Debit cards associated with those accounts were also used to rent vehicles. **Bank surveillance, rental car records, airline records, hotel records, and cellphone location data connected Robinson and a co-conspirator to the scheme, which involved bank branches across seven states.**

Robinson was arrested in New Rochelle, New York, in May 2025 after requesting a \$12,000 cash loan using identification bearing another person's name. A bank employee questioned the documents' authenticity and contacted police.

What's the Violation?: **Robinson** pled guilty to **Conspiracy to Commit Bank Fraud and Aggravated Identity Theft**, in violation of **18 U.S.C. § § 1028A and 1349**.

What's the Punishment?: The Honorable Jane Triche Milazzo sentenced **Robinson** to **24 months and one day of imprisonment and 3 years of supervised release**.

This Week's Other Matters

U.S. V. DUNCAN, 24-CR-132

Charge: Conspiracy to Distribute and Possess with Intent to Distribute 500 Grams or More of a Mixture Containing Methamphetamine and a Quantity of Cocaine; Use of a Communication Facility.

((21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(A), 843(b), (d))

Sentence: 180 months of imprisonment and 5 years of supervised release.

Judge: Honorable Brandon S. Long

WHAT'S THAT STATUTE?

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U.S. V. ARGUETA-CHUN, 25-CR-090

Charge: Reentry of a Removed Alien
(8 U.S.C. § 1326(a))

Sentence: 10 months of imprisonment.

Judge: Honorable Nannette Jolivet Brown

U.S. V. MOREL 26-CR-016

Charge: Possession of Materials Involving the Sexual Exploitation of Minors
(18 U.S.C. §§ 2252(a)(4)(B), (b)(2))

Sentence: 120 months of imprisonment and lifetime supervised release.

Judge: Honorable Jay C. Zainey

U.S. V. GROSS, 26-CR-058

Charge: Conspiracy to Commit Wire Fraud
(18 U.S.C. § 371)

Sentence: 4 years of probation and \$350,272 in restitution.

Judge: Honorable Darrel J. Papillion

U.S. V. WALLACE, 11-CR-107

Violation of Mandatory and Standard Conditions of Supervised Release: *Testing positive for a controlled substance; failing to report a change of address; and engaging in criminal behavior.*

Sentence: 37 months of imprisonment, concurrent with the sentence imposed in Case No. 24-cr-146. No additional supervised release imposed.

Judge: Honorable Nannette Jolivet Brown

U.S. V. RODRIGUEZ, 25-CR-233

Charge: Conspiracy to Distribute and Possess with Intent to Distribute a Mixture Containing Fentanyl
(21 U.S.C. § 846)

Sentence: 32 months of imprisonment and 3 years of supervised release.

Judge: Honorable Darrel J. Papillion

U.S. V. WASHINGTON, 25-CR-170

Charge: Felon in Possession of a Firearm
(18 U.S.C. §§ 922(g)(1), 924(a)(8))

Sentence: 71 months of imprisonment and 3 years of supervised release. The prison term runs consecutively to any imprisonment imposed on either count in the identified 22nd Judicial District Court case.

Judge: Honorable Lance M. Africk

U.S. V. KEATING, 20-CR-117

Charge: Conspiracy to Commit Mail and Wire Fraud
(18 U.S.C. § 371)

Sentence: 32 months of imprisonment, 3 years of supervised release, and \$657,405.34 in restitution.

Judge: Honorable Nannette Jolivet Brown

