



## Repaid fraud victims gets man light sentence

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A man received a light sentence on a wire fraud conviction in federal court in Pittsburgh because he confessed to federal agents and returned money he had allegedly stolen without knowing he was already under investigation.

Quoc Dat Tran, 28, of San Diego, was sentenced Friday to one day in jail and three years of probation, U.S. Attorney Mary Beth Buchanan said in a statement. Mr. Tran was also fined \$5,000.

Prosecutors said Mr. Tran defrauded Mellon Investor Services LLC, ComputerShare, Wells Fargo and The Bank of New York by collecting the names and Social Security numbers of dead people whose accounts were inactive or unclaimed. He then added his name as an authorized signatory on the accounts and transferred about \$500,000 to accounts he had opened, they said.

Sentencing guidelines called for a sentence of 27 to 33 months in prison, but U.S. District Judge Thomas Hardiman imposed a lighter penalty because Mr. Tran walked into an FBI office in Arizona and confessed to the fraud without knowing he was being investigated.

Mr. Tran also provided his computer records to investigators and returned the stolen money, Ms. Buchanan said.

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