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NEWS RELEASE:

**CREDIT CARD AND IDENTITY THEFT DEFENDANT
SENTENCED TO 18 YEARS IN JAIL**

R. Alexander Acosta, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida, William T. Simms, Special Agent in Charge, U.S. Secret Service, Julie Torres, Special Agent in Charge, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, and Jonathan I. Solomon, Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, announced the April 13, 2007 sentencing of defendant **Dwight E. Moss**, 39, following his conviction of two counts of credit card fraud, three counts of aggravated identity theft, and one count of being a felon in possession of a firearm. United States District Judge Ursula Ungaro-Benages sentenced Dwight Moss to 222 months (18.5 years) in prison, followed by a three year term of supervised release. The defendant was also ordered to pay \$255,445.61 in restitution to the more than fifty victims of his fraud.

This case was a result of the cooperative investigative efforts of the Secret Service, FBI, and ATF. The evidence at trial showed that Dwight Moss either created credit card accounts in victims' names and added himself as an authorized user, or added himself as an authorized user to various victims' existing accounts. These compromised accounts were from various retailers, including Home Depot, Sears, Dillard's, Lowe's, Sam's Club, and JC Penney. Evidence at trial included surveillance video of Moss shopping at these various stores, receipts corroborating the purchases, and a detailed ledger found in his residence containing personal identifying information of many individuals. The search of Moss' residence also led to the discovery of a .25 caliber weapon, ammunition, and ballistics vest.

Mr. Acosta commended the investigative efforts of the Secret Service, ATF, and FBI. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Michele Korver and Russell Koonin.

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

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