U.S. Department of Justice
U.S. Attorney's Office
Western District of Texas

Johnny Sutton, U.S. Attorney

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Shana Jones, Special Assistant
Daryl Fields, Public Information Officer
(210) 384-7440

June 30, 2008

FOUR DEFENDANTS SENTENCED ON AGGRAVATED IDENTITY THEFT AND COMPUTER FRAUD CHARGES

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced that Steven Bradley Davis, age 43, of Hutto, Texas, was sentenced today by United States District Judge Lee Yeakel in federal court in Austin to 72 months imprisonment as a result of his convictions for Unlawful Access to a Protected Computer and Aggravated Identity Theft. Three others – Robert Lloyd Taylor, age 31, of Round Rock, Texas; Adrian Eralio Carreon, age 33, of Cedar Park, Texas; and William Timothy Evans, age 46, of Tyler, Texas – were each sentenced today by Judge Yeakel to 24 months in federal prison for Aggravated Identity Theft. Each of the four men, who pleaded guilty to their respective charges, was also ordered to pay a total of more than $391,000 in restitution to several victims of their criminal conduct.

According to court documents, the four men participated together in a fraudulent check cashing scheme that netted over $65,000. The scheme was facilitated by the unlawful downloading and theft of numerous financial account numbers by Davis from a computer database belonging to his former employer, FundsXpress, a financial data company. At the time, Davis was employed as a database administrator with FundsXpress. Using the financial account information stolen by Davis, the group manufactured and successfully passed counterfeit checks at Austin-area retail businesses. The scheme also involved the production and use of fictitious identification documents. At least 11 financial institutions and 62 individual financial accounts were determined to have been victimized by the defendants' fraudulent activities.

This case was investigated by the United States Secret Service and Austin Police Department. Assistant United States Attorney Matthew Devlin, this office's Computer Hacking and Intellectual Property Coordinator, prosecuted this case on behalf of the government.

#####