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## Melvern, Ohio Man Sentenced for Defrauding Bidders on eBay

Emily M. Sweeney, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio, today announced that Roger L. Harvey, Jr., age 28 of Melvern, Ohio, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Donald C. Nugent in connection with Harvey's recent convictions in two separate federal criminal cases. Harvey was sentenced to 36 months in prison on each case, with the sentences to run concurrently.

In March 2002, a federal grand jury in Cleveland, Ohio, returned a three count indictment charging Roger L. Harvey, Jr.,

With possession of stolen firearms and possession of an unregistered destructive device, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 922(j), 922(o), and Title 26, United States Code, Sections 5861(d) and 5871.

Thereafter, in June 2002, a federal grand jury in Cleveland returned a second indictment charging Harvey with sixteen (16) counts of Wire Fraud, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1343, and thirty-one (31) counts of Mail Fraud, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1341.

The indictment in the second case charged Roger L. Harvey, Jr., with knowingly executed and attempted to execute a scheme and artifice to defraud bidders of certain e-Bay Internet Auctions, and to obtain money from said individuals by means of false and fraudulent pretenses, representations and promises. The losses associated with the E-Bay fraud were approximately $30,402.00.

On August 7, 2002, Harvey entered guilty pleas to one count of possessing an unregistered destructive device (Case No. 5:02CR106), one count of wire fraud and one count of mail fraud (Case No. 5:02CR214).

Harvey was ordered detained in federal custody, without bond, following his arrest on May 28, 2002, in Charlotte, NC.

These cases were prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Sharon Long and Robert W. Kern, following an investigation by the Canton Office of the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, the Akron Office of the U.S. Secret Service, and the Cleveland Office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms. .

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