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EVANSVILLE MAN SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR COMPUTER INTRUSION

PRESS RELEASE

Timothy M. Morrison, Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that CHRISTOPHER CARL HIGHMAN, 23, of Evansville, Indiana, was sentenced to 36 months imprisonment by U.S. District Judge Richard L. Young following his guilty plea to reckless computer intrusion causing damage. This case was the result of a investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

On about May 30, 2006, HIGHMAN accessed, without authority, the computer servers of Broadcasting Concepts Inc.(BCI), a business located in Las Vegas, Nevada. At the time of his guilty plea, HIGHMAN admitted that he impaired the integrity and availability of BCI's computer systems and information through his unauthorized access and file transfers. HIGHMAN's damage to BCI's computer system resulted in losses to BCI totaling at least $96,404.50 between May 30, 2006, and May 30, 2007.

According to Assistant U. S. Attorney Todd S. Shellenbarger, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Young also imposed 2 years supervised release following HIGHMAN's release from imprisonment. During the period of supervised release, HIGHMAN must undergo drug testing. HIGHMAN was ordered to make restitution in the amount of $96,404.

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