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Queens Man Pleads Guilty to Federal Charges of Computer Damage, Access Device Fraud and Software Piracy

JAMES B. COMEY, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced that JUJU JIANG, 24, of Flushing, New York, pled guilty in federal Court in Manhattan yesterday to a five-count Information relating to computer fraud and software piracy.

In pleading guilty to computer damage, JIANG admitted that, between February 14, 2001, and December 20, 2002, without the permission of Kinko's Inc. ("Kinko's"), he installed special keylogging software on computer terminals located at Kinko's stores throughout Manhattan to surreptitiously record keystroking activity on those computers, and collect computer usernames and passwords of Kinko's customers.

JIANG also admitted that he then used the confidential information he obtained to access, or attempt to access, bank accounts belonging to other persons, and fraudulently open on-line bank accounts.

JIANG also pled guilty to similar fraudulent conduct that he continued to commit while on bail after his arrest on December 20, 2002.

At his plea yesterday before United States Magistrate Judge THEODORE H. KATZ, JIANG admitted that his installation of the keylogging software could damage the Kinko's computers on which they were installed.

JIANG faces a maximum sentence of 5 years in prison and a $250,000 fine on each of these two counts.

In addition to the computer damage charges set forth in Counts One and Two of the Information, JIANG also pled guilty to computer access-device fraud, as charged in Count Three of the Information. JIANG admitted that, between February 14, 2001, and December 20, 2002, he fraudulently possessed more than 15 computer usernames and passwords belonging to other

persons, also to access their bank and financial services accounts, open on-line bank accounts in their names, and transfer the funds to the unauthorized accounts.

Count Three carries a maximum sentence of 5 years in prison and a $250,000 fine.

Finally, JIANG also pled guilty to two counts of software piracy for his on-line sale in 2000 of copies of Microsoft Office 2000 Professional Edition, in violation of Microsoft's copyrights in its software.

Counts Four and Five of the Information each carry a maximum term of imprisonment of one year in prison and a $100,000 fine.

Mr. COMEY praised the investigative efforts of the United States Secret Service's Electronic Crimes Task Force and thanked Kinko's for its assistance and support throughout the investigation.

Assistant United States Attorney JOSEPH V. De MARCO is in charge of the prosecution.

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