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Computer Hacker Sentenced to One Year and One Day And Ordered to Pay More Than $88,000 Restitution For Series of Computer Intrusions and Credit Card Fraud

Defendant previously admitted defacing Air Force web site, hacking into three other sites and

obtaining and using stolen credit card information

SACRAMENTO - Untied States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that ADIL YAHYA ZAKARIA SHAKOUR, 19, of Los Angeles, California, was sentenced by Chief Judge David F. Levi to one year and one day in federal prison, a three year term of supervised release, and a $200 special assessment. SHAKOUR was also ordered to pay $88,253.47 in restitution. As part of his sentence, the court imposed special conditions restricting his computer use during his supervised release following his release from federal prison. On March 13, 2003, SHAKOUR pled guilty to committing fraud and related activity in connection with computers, and credit card fraud, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 1030(a)(4), 1029(a)(2). According to court documents, during an ongoing investigation, investigators with the Sacramento Valley Hi-Tech Crimes Task Force and the FB Sacramento Office established that SHAKOUR committed a series of unauthorized computer intrusions into four separate computer systems inside and outside of California. Court documents summarized that SHAKOUR hacked into the following four computer systems during a thirteen month period: On April 26 and 27, 2002, and May 3 and 6, 2002, a server at Eglin Air Force Base, a federal military base in Florida, during which he compromised the integrity of the system and defaced the web site; On May 5, 2002, the computers of Accenture, a managment consulting and technology services company, based in Chicago, Illinois; On May 6, 2002, an unclassified network computer at the Sandia National Laboratories in Livermore, California; and Between August 2001 and May 10, 2002, and also on June 22, 2002, and September 10, 2002, a computer of Cheaptaxforms.com, located in Mathews, North Carolina, which is a subsidiary of Pro Systems, Incorporated. During the hacking into the North Carolina site, SHAKOUR obtained credit card and personal inforamtion from the website, which he then used to purchase items for his personal use. The fraudulent credit card purchases totaled approximately $7, 167. According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Mark L. Krotoski, who prosecuted the case, the plea agreemet contains Internet and computer restrictions during SHAKOUR's three-year term of supervised release. As part of his sentence, the court imposed the following conditions: SHAKOUR agreed not to use any computers within the Los Angeles and Sacramento County Library or other public systems without the prior permission of his probation officer. SHAKOUR agreed that he will not possess or use any computer programs

commonly used for computer hacking. SHAKOUR is subject to periodic unannounced examinations of his computer equipment by the probation officer. The probation officer may also install on his computers, at his expense, any hardware or software systems to monitor his computer use. The case was investigated by the Sacramento Valley Hi-Tech Crimes Task Force and Federal Bureau of Investigation Sacramento Office with the assistance of the California Attorney General's Office, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office and the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Central District of California. A copy of this press release may be found on the U.S. Attorney's Office's website at: http://www.usdoj.gov/usao/cae/text_version/text_pressindex.htm.

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