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LARGO MAN SENTENCED FOR STEALING CONSUMER INFORMATION

Tampa, FL - U.S. District Judge Steven D. Merryday, today sentenced William Gary Sullivan, age 54, of Largo, to 57 months' imprisonment and a $3.2 million in restitution for conspiracy and computer fraud. Sullivan pled guilty on November 28, 2007.

According to court documents, Sullivan, while employed by Certegy, exceeded his authorized computer access to unlawfully steal the consumer information of 8.4 million people, who were from all fifty states, the Virgin Islands, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and various foreign countries. The information stolen included names and addresses and, for 5.3 million people, either bank account information or credit and debit card information or sometimes both (See chart in attached plea agreement). The data was resold from 2002 through 2007 for over $580,000 and was given primarily to telemarketers.

The case was investigated by the United States Secret Service. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Thomas N. Palermo.