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CHARLOTTE MAN SENTENCED TO MORE THAN FIVE YEARS ON BANK CONSPIRACY AND AGGRAVATED IDENTITY THEFT CHARGES

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Kendell Rashad Bowden, 26, of Charlotte, was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge Robert J. Conrad, Jr. to 66 months in prison and three years of supervised release for bank fraud conspiracy and aggravated identity theft charges, announced Jill Westmoreland Rose, U.S. Attorney for the Western District of North Carolina.

U.S. Attorney Rose is joined making today's announcement by David M. McGinnis, Inspector in Charge of the Charlotte Division of the U.S. Postal Inspection Service (USPIS), Matthew Quinn, Acting Special Agent in Charge of the United States Secret Service, Charlotte Field Office, and Chief Kerr Putney of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department (CMPD).

According to court documents and today's sentencing hearing, between December 2015 and July 2016, Bowden defrauded individuals and financial institutions by using stolen personal identification information (PII) to obtain fraudulent credit card accounts at retail stores in Mecklenburg and Iredell counties. Bowden accessed and used, or attempted to access and use, the stolen identities of at least 10 individuals. Court records show that Bowden also used PII of one victim and a corresponding fake driver's license, to obtain auto bank loans and to purchase two vehicles. In total, Bowden's fraudulent conduct resulted in losses of more than \$96,000.

According to court records, in February 2017, while he was on bond on the federal charges, Bowden used the PII of another victim to obtain a credit card in the victim's name. Court records indicate that Bowden accidentally sent to his probation officer a text message, which contained the victim's PII. Court records show that Bowden then called his probation officer and asked him to delete the text message, telling the probation officer that text was intended for Bowden's sister.

Bowden is currently in federal custody and will be transferred to the custody of the Federal Bureau of Prisons. All federal sentences are served without the possibility of parole.

In making today's announcement, U.S. Attorney Rose thanked USPIS, USSS and CMPD for their investigation, which are members of the Charlotte Financial Crimes Task Force (CFCTF). The task force was formed in early 2016 by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service and currently consists of

over 25 local, state and federal law enforcement agencies located in the Western District of North Carolina. The goal of the taskforce is to focus on the identification and development of financial fraud investigations in the Charlotte area. Based on crime trends in the area, the task force began to focus its efforts on violent offenders with lengthy criminal histories who are committing fraud.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Kimlani M. Ford, of the U.S. Attorney's Office in Charlotte, prosecuted the case.

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