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Los Angeles Man Sentenced to 37 Months Imprisonment for Defrauding the IRS Through the Use of Prepaid Debit Cards

LOS ANGELES – A Los Angeles man with ties to the “Second II None Motorcycle Club” was sentenced today to 37 months imprisonment for his role in obtaining fraudulent “Get-It-Now” prepaid debit cards in the names of other people with the dollar value on each card being derived from fraudulently filed federal income tax returns.

Antonio Scott, 45, of Los Angeles, was further ordered by United States District Judge Stephen V. Wilson to pay restitution in the amount of \$79,472 to the Internal Revenue Service.

In August, Scott pleaded guilty to a four-count information charging him with effecting transactions with an unauthorized access device card.

According to documents filed with the court, on March 4, 2012, Scott was arrested by the Los Angeles Police Department (“LAPD”) pursuant to an active felony warrant for a forgery violation. During a search of Scott, the detective arresting him found approximately 13 “Get-It-Now” prepaid debit cards with the dollar value on each card being derived from fraudulently filed federal income tax returns. In addition, the detective found four ATM receipts, dated March 2, 2012 from various Los Angeles area ATM machines associated with four of the 13 “Get-It-Now” cards and \$2,292 in cash.

Scott has admitted that he effected four access card transactions with the total amount withdrawn on each card ranging from \$3,033.10 to 3,133.00. Scott obtained four prepaid “Get-It-Now” debit cards in the names of other individuals with funds derived from fraudulently filed federal income tax refunds. Scott admits he knew the cards were issued in the names of real people who did not

authorize him to use the access device cards issued in their names. Scott admitted that the intended loss from the 13 cards in his possession was over \$79,000.

The investigation and prosecution of Scott was conducted by IRS Criminal Investigation and the Los Angeles Police Department.

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