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Plant City Man Sentenced To Over Three Years In Federal Prison For Bank Fraud Conspiracy

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U.S. Attorney's Office, Middle District of Florida

Tampa, Florida – U.S. District Judge Mary Scriven has sentenced Cameron Porter (35, Plant City) to three years and one month in federal prison for conspiracy to commit bank fraud. As part of his sentence, the court also entered an order of forfeiture in the amount of \$5,000, the proceeds of the charged criminal conduct. Porter had pleaded guilty on January 9, 2023.

According to court documents, in March 2019, Porter conspired with Christopher Alholm and others to defraud an FDIC insured bank (“Bank 1”) with branches located throughout the Middle District of Florida. Bank 1 was a member institution of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta. During the conspiracy, Porter obtained a victim bank customer’s (“Customer 1”) stolen Home Equity Line of Credit (“HELOC”) account number and personally identifying information including name, signature, date of birth and Social Security number from a co-conspirator.

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passed that information to Alholm. Alholm subsequently used the stolen PII and impersonated Customer 1 at a Bank 1 branch located in Spring Hill to conduct a fraudulent \$495,000 advance of funds from the Customer 1's HELOC account to an intermediary account at Bank 1. After Alholm had completed the fraudulent advance of funds, another conspirator subsequently wired the stolen HELOC funds from the intermediary account to offshore bank accounts. Porter then received a share of the stolen proceeds for his role in the conspiracy.

Alholm previously pleaded guilty to his role in this case. In November 2022, he was sentenced to five years and six months in federal prison for conspiracy to commit bank fraud and aggravated identity theft.

This case was investigated by the Federal Housing Finance Agency – Office of Inspector General and Florida Department of Law Enforcement. It is being prosecuted by Special Assistant United States Attorney Chris Poor.

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