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NEWS RELEASE:

North Miami Beach Resident Pleads Guilty to Possessing 225 Stolen Identities

A North Miami Beach resident pled guilty to possessing 225 stolen identities.

Wifredo A. Ferrer, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida, Kelly R. Jackson, Special Agent in Charge, Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation (IRS-CI), Rafiq Ahmad, Special Agent in Charge, United States Department of Labor, Office of Inspector General (DOL-OIG), Mark Selby, Special Agent in Charge, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcements Homeland Security Investigations (ICE-HSI), Miami Field Office, and William Hernandez, Chief, North Miami Beach Police Department (NMBPD), made the announcement.

Vicky Egalite Pierre, pled guilty to one count of possession of fifteen or more unauthorized access devices, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1029(a)(3), and one count of aggravated identity theft, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1028A(a)(1). Sentencing is scheduled for November 3, 2016 before U.S. District Court Judge Kathleen M. Williams. At sentencing, Pierre faces a maximum of ten years' imprisonment for the access device charge, and a mandatory term of two years' imprisonment, consecutive to any other prison term, for the aggravated identity theft charge.

According to court documents, during a probation compliance check of Pierre's residence, law enforcement located a small notebook in her night stand that contained over 225 names, social security numbers and date of births. The notebook containing the personal identifying information was processed for latent prints, and six latent prints from various pages in the notebook belonged to the defendant.

Law enforcement spoke with one individual whose name, date of birth, and social security number were in the notebook, and confirmed that he/she did not authorize Pierre to be in possession of the personal identifying information. The defendant knew that the names, dates of birth, and social security numbers belonged to real persons.

The intended loss in this case is more than \$95,000 but less than \$150,000.

Mr. Ferrer commended the investigative efforts of IRS-CI, DOL-OIG, ICE-HSI, and the NMBPD, and thanked the State of Florida Probation Office for its assistance. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Joshua S. Rothstein.

A copy of this press release may be found on the website of the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Florida at www.usdoj.gov/usao/fls. Related court documents and information may be found on the website of the District Court for the Southern District of Florida at www.flsd.uscourts.gov or on <http://pacer.flsd.uscourts.gov>.