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Guilty Plea for Glenmont Buffet Credit Card Scammer



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that HENG LI, 27, of Brooklyn, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument in the Second Degree, a Class D Felony, and (1) Count of Scheme to Defraud in the First Degree, a Class E Felony, before the Honorable Stephen W. Herrick in Albany County Court this morning.

On August 5, 2013 the Bethlehem Police, United States Secret Service, United States Department of Homeland Security, New York State Police, and other local law enforcement

agencies executed a search warrant pursuant to an identity theft investigation at the Golden Town Buffet on Route 9W in the Town of Bethlehem.

The search warrant did uncover that LI, an employee of the buffet, did use a credit card skimmer device to obtain personal identification information of 39 credit card numbers by fraudulent pretenses. LI also was in possession of a forged Michigan driver's license.

LI also was under an active deportation order at the time of the search warrant execution, as were three other employees that were present at the restaurant at that time.

LI remains in custody and faces up to 2 1/3 to 7 years in State Prison when sentenced on December 11, 2013.

Financial Crimes Bureau Chief Daniel Lynch handled the prosecution of this case.

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