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Man Involved in Buffet Credit Card Scheme Sentenced



ALBANY, NY - District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that BAO LIU, 52, of Albany, was sentenced to 2 years in State Prison before the Honorable Andrew Ceresia in Albany County Court this morning.

On July 8, 2015, LIU pleaded guilty to (2) Counts of Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument in the Second Degree, a Class D Felony.

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.

During the execution of the warrant, the authorities found a credit card skimmer device that a co-defendant has used to obtain the personal identification information of 39 credit cards by fraudulent pretenses. LIU used the stolen credit card numbers and identities to purchase thousands of dollars' worth of merchandise.

Financial Crimes Bureau Chief Daniel Lynch prosecuted this case.

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