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LEAGUE CITY MAN SENTENCED TO 30 YEARS IN PRISON FOR FRAUDULENT POSSESSION OF IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

GALVESTON, TX – Galveston County Criminal District Attorney Jack Roady announced today that Michael Lee Grimm was found guilty in a jury trial for the crime of first degree felony Fraudulent Possession of Identifying Information, Fifty (50) or more items of Identifying Information. Michael Lee Grimm was eligible for probation. The jury assessed punishment and sentenced Michael Lee Grimm to thirty (30) years in prison.

Michael Lee Grimm was indicted in 2014 after a League City Police search warrant uncovered he was in the possession of over 50 people's identifying information that amounted to hundreds of items of identifying information (the severity of a possession of identifying information case depends on the number of items possessed).

Detective Walter Hammann of the League City police department spearheaded the investigation of Michael Lee Grimm. Detective Hammann discovered that Michael Lee Grimm had been using identifying information to stay in hotels and resorts, buy drugs and to travel by limousine throughout the greater Clear Lake area. None of the victims that testified had ever met Michael Lee Grimm; however, a number of the victims had been clients of a business where Michael Lee Grimm had worked for two weeks.

During the sentencing portion of trial, witnesses testified that Michael Lee Grimm had been engaged in counterfeiting currency, distributing controlled substances, and possession of child pornography.

The State of Texas was represented by Assistant District Attorneys Robert Buss and Valerie Norris. Robert Buss asked the jury to sentence Michael Lee Grimm to more than 25 years to serve as a deterrent to other identity thieves, to hold Mr. Grimm accountable for what he had done and to protect the community. The jury consisting of six women and six men deliberated for approximately 30 minutes before unanimously finding Michael Lee Grimm guilty. The same jury deliberated for another 45 minutes after closing sentencing arguments.

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