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NEW RELEASE:

Miami-Dade County Brothers Sentenced to 70 Months in Prison for Identity Theft Schemes Involving Unemployment Insurance Fraud and Federal and State Tax Fraud

Two Miami-Dade County brothers were each sentenced to 70 months in prison for identity theft schemes involving unemployment insurance fraud, federal income tax fraud, and state income tax fraud.

Wifredo A. Ferrer, U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Florida, Rafiq Ahmad, Special Agent in Charge, United States Department of Labor, Office of Inspector General, Office of Labor Racketeering and Fraud Investigations Miami Office (DOL-OIG), Kelly R. Jackson, Special Agent in Charge, Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation (IRS-CI), Alysa D. Erichs, Special Agent in Charge, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations (ICE-HSI), and J. Scott Dennis, Chief, North Miami Beach Police Department (NMBPD), made the announcement.

Densom Beaucejour, 22, and **Winzord Beaucejour**, 21, both of Miami Gardens, each previously 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).

According to court documents, the investigation in this case began in January 2015, when a local police officer reported that he/she was the victim of identity theft and that a fraudulent unemployment insurance claim had been filed in his/her name. A subsequent investigation by federal law enforcement revealed that 234 fraudulent unemployment claims were filed from the defendants' residence. The total intended loss associated with these claims is \$239,510.

On March 11, 2015, law enforcement agents executed a federal search warrant at the defendants' residence. Inside several bedrooms in the defendants' home, law enforcement found numerous sheets of paper, ledgers, and other documents with personal identifying information (PII) – including names, dates of birth, and Social Security numbers – of more than 1,000 individuals. Agents also discovered three

handguns, \$8,600 in cash, and several credit cards embossed with names of individuals who did not appear to live at the defendants' residence. Approximately 365 fraudulent tax returns were filed with the IRS from the residence seeking \$413,279 in fraudulent tax refunds, as well as 2 fraudulent state tax returns with Ohio seeking \$15,004. In total, the amount of intended loss is \$917,973.

Mr. Ferrer commended the investigative efforts of the DOL-OIG, IRS-CI, ICE-HSI, and the NMBPD. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jamie R. Galvin.

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>.