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## Heng Li Sentenced to State Prison for Using Credit Card Skimmer Device



**ALBANY, NY** - District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that HENG LI, 27, of Brooklyn, was sentenced to 2 1/3 to 7 years in State Prison before the Honorable Stephen W. Herrick in Albany County Court this morning. Judge Herrick

On November 13, 2013, LI 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.

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.

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

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