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Co-Defendants Sentenced for Counterfeit Scheme



GUERRA



SURES

ALBANY, NY – District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that JOSIEL GUERRA, 28, and JENNIFER SURES, 21, both of Miami, FL, were sentenced today in front of the Honorable Peter A. Lynch in Albany County Court for their roles in a counterfeit scheme.

GUERRA was sentenced to a total of 3 to 9 years in State Prison today after previously pleading guilty to (1) Count of Scheme to Defraud in the First Degree, a Class E Felony, and (1) Count of Grand Larceny in the Third Degree, a Class D Felony.

SURES was sentenced to 2 to 6 years in State Prison today after previously pleading guilty to (1) Count of Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument in the Second Degree, a Class D Felony.

Between October 13th and 14th 2017, while acting in concert with each other, GUERRA and SURES used multiple forged or counterfeit credit/debit cards to purchase US Postal Money Orders throughout Albany County. Upon arrest, (13) forged/counterfeit credit cards were recovered on the defendants' person, (64) counterfeit credit/debit cards and a laptop were recovered from the rental vehicle, and (67) counterfeit credit/debit cards were recovered from defendant's hotel room in the Town of Guilderland. In addition, the police also recovered over \$28,000 in Postal Money Orders, which were purchased using the counterfeit credit/debit cards. An investigation led by the US Postal Service, Town of Colonie Police Department and Town of Guilderland Police Department uncovered that the pair traveled to Albany County from Miami specifically to commit this fraud and mail the proceeds back to Miami.

Assistant District Attorney Shadi Masri of the Financial Crimes Unit handled the prosecution of this case.

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