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## Financial Crimes Unit Roundup: Five Counterfeit Currency and Identity Theft Cases Result in Felony Convictions



**Louis Delvalle**



**Heng Li**



**Andre Peete**



**George Solano**



**Delilah Trotter**

**ALBANY, NY**- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that Assistant District Attorneys in the Financial Crimes Unit have resolved five cases involving counterfeit crime and identity theft this week.

On December 12, 2013, **LOUIS DELVALLE** was sentenced to 1 ½ to 3 years in State Prison before the Honorable Stephen Herrick in Albany County Court. This state prison sentence will be served consecutive to two previous unrelated felony convictions on August 20, 2013 of (2) Counts of Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the Fourth Degree, a Class E Felony, for a total of 4 ½ to 9 years in State Prison.

On September 17, 2013, DELVALLE pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the Fourth Degree, a Class E Felony.

On June 6, 2013, the defendant possessed a stolen credit card and used it at a CVS in the City of Albany where he made four fraudulent purchases.

On December 11, 2013, **HENG LI**, was sentenced to 2 1/3 to 7 years in State Prison before the Honorable Stephen W. Herrick in Albany County Court.

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.

On December 10, 2013, **GEORGE SOLANO** was sentenced to 1 ½ to 3 years in State Prison before the Honorable Thomas Breslin in the Supreme Court of Albany County. On October 18, 2013, SOLANO pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Attempted Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument in the Second Degree, a Class E Felony.

On December 4, 2013, **ANDRE PEETE** was sentenced to 2 to 4 years in State Prison before the Honorable Thomas Breslin in the Supreme Court of Albany County. On October 18, 2013, PEETE pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument in the Second Degree, a Class D Felony.

On October 1, 2012, PEETE and SOLANO both possessed counterfeit checks and cashed them at Mobil on the Run in the Village of Menands. PEETE received \$276.33 from the counterfeit check and SOLANO received \$337.45.

On October 15, 2012, PEETE cashed another counterfeit check at Mobil on the Run in the Village of Menands and received \$331.23. PEETE must pay \$607.46 in restitution and SOLANO must pay \$337.45 in restitution.

On December 10, 2013, **DELILAH TROTTER** pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument in the Second Degree, a Class E Felony, before the Honorable Peter A. Lynch in Albany County Court.

On January 9, 2013, the defendant possessed a counterfeit check in the amount of \$496.41 made out to herself which she cashed and used to wrongfully obtain \$496.41 from Mobil on the Run in the Village of Menands.

TROTTER faces 1 to 3 years in State Prison when sentenced on February 4, 2014.

Financial Crimes Bureau Chief Daniel Lynch handled the prosecution of the case against **HENG LI**. Assistant District Attorney Benjamin Clark of the Financial Crimes Unit handled the prosecution of the case against **LOUIS DELVALLE, GEORGE SOLANO, ANDRE PEETE** and **DELILAH TROTTER**.

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