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Suspect Arrested in Door to Door Scam

Birmingham, Alabama 12/22/2009 - On December 14th a victim notified the Sheriff's Office of unusual charges to her credit card. The victim stated that a person, who identified himself as Chris Usher, knocked on her door, to sell her "AT&T U-verse". AT&T U-verse is a product provided by AT&T for cable television. AT&T U-verse is a legitimate product, and the victim's purchase of the product was a legitimate sale. However, after the sale was complete, the suspect handed the victim a cell phone and requested the victim verify her personal account information to AT&T. At that point the identity theft took place, as the person on the other end of that call was not an employee of AT&T, and is believed to have been Usher's female co-conspirator of the crime.

Investigators discovered that the suspect had purchased airline tickets, with several airlines, and believed he would attempt to flee the state. It was also discovered that the suspect had multiple state identification cards, in Georgia, Florida, and the District of Columbia. The Jefferson County Sheriff's office detective in charge of the case, notified the Office of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and the Transportation and Safety Administration, to insure the suspect would not be able to board a flight from Birmingham.

This investigation resulted in the quick capture and arrest of Christopher McKinley Usher on 12/17/2009 shortly after 2:00 p.m. The suspect was located in the parking lot of his apartment in the Brook Highland area. Shortly before his arrest investigators received a phone call from Usher, stating that he had already left the state and that he was in Washington D.C.

Usher is currently being held in the Jefferson County Jail under no bond. A hold has been placed on Usher by the United States Marshal's Office for an unrelated crime, that occurred prior to this investigation.

The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office is asking anyone, who may have come in contact with Usher, for the purchase of AT&T U-verse, and believes that they may have had their financial information compromised, to contact the Sheriff's Office tip line at 205-731-2769. This investigation is ongoing and additional arrests are expected.

Charged: Christopher Mckinley Usher, 27 years old, 2 counts of Fraudulent Use of A Credit Card with No Bond on each charge.

About Jefferson County Sheriff's Office

The Jefferson County, Alabama Sheriff's Office is headed up by Sheriff Mike Hale. Sheriff Hale is committed to keeping communities and neighborhoods safe in Jefferson County.

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