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Man found with identification cards from 27 people found not guilty

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that Ryan Wayne Moore, 37, of Springfield, Mo. was found not guilty today by the Honorable David Jones of trafficking in stolen identities. The Greene County Prosecuting Attorney's Office charged Moore with possessing twenty forms of identification belonging to ten separate victims. When the Greene County Sheriff's Office stopped the car driven by Moore, they found a container with more than four dozen documents belonging to twenty-seven people. The documents were organized and included credit cards, debit cards, social security cards, driver's licenses, birth certificates, a concealed weapons permit, health insurance cards, and checks. Deputies found numerous electronics including twenty-three hard drives, thirteen cell phones, dozens of SIM and memory cards and ledgers listing items for sale along with Moore's email address and password and a list inventorying the forms of identification in his car.

The Missouri trafficking in stolen identities law is designed to protect victims of identity theft and provides that:

Possession of five or more means of identification of the same person or possession of means of identification of five or more separate persons shall be evidence that the identities are possessed with intent to manufacture, sell, or transfer means of identification for the purpose of committing identity theft.

The Greene County Prosecuting Attorney's Office will continue to aggressively prosecute these cases. The public should remember to exercise care not to leave their personal items in vehicles as thefts of and from vehicles and the fraudulent use

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identifications and credit cards from those thefts remain a serious problem in Greene County.

Three victims testified in the three-day trial that their identifications were stolen either from their vehicles or with their vehicle. Moore told Greene County Sheriff's Office detectives that he was always with his car and no one else had access to it without him, before changing his story during trial by blaming his girlfriend for putting the identifications in his car. Moore had previously told detectives that he was with the girlfriend twenty-four hours a day and seven days a week. Under Missouri law Moore could have been found guilty of either possessing the forms of identification by himself or if Moore possessed them together with his girlfriend. When announcing the verdict, Judge Jones highlighted the burden of proof of beyond a reasonable doubt and said that he strongly suspected Moore was working with his girlfriend to traffic the stolen forms of identification.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Nicholas Jain and Stephanie Wan. It was investigated by the Greene County Sheriff's Office and Detective David Jolliff was the lead investigator assigned to the case.

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