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ATTORNEY GENERAL ANNOUNCES ARTHUR JONES SENTENCED IN CONNECTION WITH IDENTITY THEFT

Defendant Ordered to about \$90,000 in Restitution, Granted Probation on an 18— 48 Month Prison Sentence

Las Vegas, NV – Nevada Attorney General Catherine Cortez Masto issued a statement today following Clark County District Court Judge James Bixler's sentencing of Arthur Jones to 18 to 48 months in the Nevada Department of Corrections, with three years of probation, for fraud in connection with a driver's license

Jones was living under an assumed identity and using another individual's social security number for nearly thirty years.

"Cases like this are the reason my office continues to diligently pursue identity fraud and all fraud, which devastates victims emotionally and financially," said Masto.

During probation Jones is ordered to pay over \$78,500 to the Social Security Administration for payments wrongly made to his family after he was declared dead in Illinois. He is also ordered to pay over \$11,400 to the victim, Clifton Goodenough, for missed work and legal fees incurred in connection with the misuse of Goodenough's social security number. Additionally, Jones is required to perform community service, stay out of trouble, and complete counseling deemed necessary by the Division of Parole and Probation, as well as abide by other standard terms of probation.

Jones pleaded guilty to a class E felony.

The case was prosecuted by Adam Woodrum, Deputy Attorney General.

If you suspect you are a victim of identity theft, file a report with your local law enforcement agency, Federal Trade Commission, and apply for a <u>Nevada Identity Theft</u> <u>Card</u> with the Nevada Attorney General's Office.

