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**NEW YORK FUGITIVE CONVICTED OF SOCIAL SECURITY FRAUD
BY FEDERAL JURY IN MONTGOMERY**

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA— A federal jury convicted Derrick Myron Lloyd on a two-count indictment for social security fraud on May 6, 2008, before U.S. District Judge W. Keith Watkins, announced U.S. Attorney Leura Canary. A former employee of Rheem Manufacturing, Lloyd was convicted of knowingly misrepresenting his social security number in connection with his employment, in violation of Title 42, United States Code, Section 408(a)(7)(B), and knowingly possessing a fraudulent identification document, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1028(a)(6). It took the jury less than forty-five minutes to convict Lloyd on both counts.

The jury's verdict is the culmination of an investigation that began on August 31, 2007, when Lloyd presented a fake social security card and New Jersey birth certificate to authorities at the Montgomery Driver's License Examining Office on Coliseum Boulevard. Both the card and the birth certificate bore the name "Rashad A. Hamid" – an alias that Lloyd had been secretly living under for more than 15 years. Fingerprints taken at his arrest revealed Lloyd's true identity, as well as an outstanding arrest warrant in New York for a homicide he allegedly committed in 1991 – a charge for which Lloyd has been profiled several times on the FOX television show, "America's Most Wanted."

Sentencing in this case has not yet been scheduled. On the charges of conviction, Lloyd

is subject to a statutory maximum punishment of five years imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine. After he is sentenced, Lloyd faces extradition to New York and further criminal prosecution for the state charges pending against him.

The investigation was conducted by the Alabama Department of Public Safety – State Troopers and federal agents from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Assistant United States Attorney Nathan D. Stump prosecuted the case.