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## **ZEIGLER MAN SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS FOR CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT MAIL AND WIRE FRAUD**

**JEFFREY BORDERS**, 42, of Zeigler, Illinois, was sentenced Friday on one count of Conspiracy to Commit Mail and Wire Fraud to a term of 180 months' imprisonment, three years' supervised release, and ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$305,000.00. **JEFFREY BORDERS** pled guilty in May to conspiring to run an "Ad-Scam" from 1996 through 2005. According to the evidence presented in the conspiracy, Borders and his co-conspirators identified advertisers in law enforcement magazines and then sent fake billing statements to those advertisers. **BORDERS** attempted to steal approximately 1.2 million dollars from more than 3,000 businesses, and succeeded in stealing approximately \$305,000.00 from more than 900 businesses around the country.

In handing down the 15 year sentence, the Court emphasized that it needed to protect the public from Jeffrey Borders' "flim flams" in the future.

The investigation of this case was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The prosecution of the case was handled by Assistant United States Attorney Kevin F. Burke.