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## **MCKINNEY MAN SENTENCED FOR INTERNET FRAUD Case part of Nationwide Investigation**

(Sherman, Texas) A 45-year-old McKinney man was sentenced today to 37 months in federal prison for Internet auction fraud. **DAVID DEANE KOPP** was also ordered by United States District Judge Paul Brown to make restitution to his victims in the amount of \$88,000. There were over 200 people victimized in this scheme.

According to court documents, Kopp advertised auctions on eBay and Yahoo websites in which he claimed to be selling computers and computer parts. Numerous times between February 2002 and January 2003, Kopp set up auctions and directed the winning bidder to either wire or mail the purchase money. The indictment alleges that Kopp did not intend to deliver the goods that were auctioned and kept the money.

The indictment of Kopp was part of a coordinated nationwide enforcement operation designed to crack down on the leading types of online economic crimes. The ongoing operation, known as Operation Cyber Sweep, has led to more than 70 indictments to date, and more than 125 arrests or convictions. Investigators from across the country have uncovered more than 125,000 victims with estimated losses of more than \$100 million.

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**Matthew D. Orwig, U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Texas, says, "Coordinating the efforts of federal, state and local law enforcement leverages resources and assures criminals who exploit technology and use the Internet to commit crimes will be vigorously investigated and prosecuted."**

Victims of online crime are encouraged to file a complaint online with the Internet Fraud Complaint Center or IFCC, a joint venture of the FBI and the National White Collar Crime Center. Victims can find the online form at [www.ifccfbi.gov](http://www.ifccfbi.gov).

The Federal Bureau of Investigation investigated this case. Assistant U.S. Attorney Andy Williams prosecuted the case.

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