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MAN SENTENCED TO FOUR YEARS IN PRISON IN IDENTITY THEFT CASE

Las Vegas - Attorney General Catherine Cortez Masto announced that Terry Parris, age 44, was sentenced earlier today by District Court Judge Jackie Glass to a maximum of four years in prison in connection with an identity theft case. Parris had previously entered a guilty plea to a felony charge of Fraud in Connection with Application for License or Identification Card, a felony under NRS 483.530.

An investigation by the Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles revealed that Parris had previously obtained a Nevada driver's license in the name Jose Sosa. The victim contacted the DMV, which cancelled the license in April 2008. Parris was arrested after he contacted the DMV for further information. Parris told investigators that he purchased the false identity approximately fifteen years ago and had been using the identity of Jose Sosa ever since to conceal previous felony convictions Parris had from California.

The Office of the Attorney General has been involved in several projects to combat identity theft including prosecutions, community outreach, and the Identity Theft Passport program. "Victims of identity theft spend enormous amounts of time cleaning up the damage to their credit and reputation. Law enforcement and the judicial system play an important role in combating identity theft, and today's sentence send a serious message to those who may be considering stealing the identity of an innocent victim" stated Catherine Cortez Masto.

Parris was taken into custody following the sentencing hearing. He will be eligible for release on parole after a minimum of sixteen months in prison.