NEW YORK RESIDENT SENTENCED IN AMTRAK EVOUCHER SCAM

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Kevin Nelson, a resident of New York, was sentenced in U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York, on December 16, 2021, to two years' imprisonment and ordered to pay \$287,805 in restitution to Amtrak. He pleaded guilty to Aggravated Identity Theft for his involvement in an Amtrak eVoucher scheme on August 30, 2021. Nelson and his coconspirators used stolen credit card and personal information to make unauthorized purchases of Amtrak tickets and then cancelled or exchanged those tickets for eVouchers. Subsequently, they sold the fraudulently obtained eVouchers on the internet. The approximate loss to Amtrak from the scheme was \$450,000.