TWO CALIFORNIA MEN SENTENCED IN AMTRAK TICKET FRAUD SCHEME

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Jason Chan and Jamar Rogers, both California residents, were sentenced on April 8, 2024, and March 27, 2024, respectively, in the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California, for Wire Fraud and Aiding and Abetting. Chan was sentenced to 3 years' probation and Rogers was sentenced to 12 months and one day in prison followed by 3 years' probation. The men were also ordered to pay a total of \$43,518.32 in joint restitution.

Our investigation found that Rogers purchased Amtrak tickets with stolen credit cards and exchanged the tickets for vouchers that he then advertised for sale. Chan purchased the vouchers from Rogers at a discounted rate, used them to buy new tickets, cancelled those tickets to obtain new vouchers, and then offered Amtrak tickets for sale at a discount. As a result of the scheme, Rogers and Chan caused Amtrak to issue approximately \$38,000 in ticket vouchers and caused losses of over \$45,000 to Amtrak, card-issuing banks, and card holders.