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This afternoon, a jury found Brian Douglas Reed guilty on all counts. The thirty-eight felony counts included 2 counts of the Unauthorized Use of Personal Identification to Obtain Credit, 1 Count of the Fraudulent Use of an Access Card and 35 counts of Petty Theft with a Prior Theft-Related Conviction. The jury also found that the defendant committed those felonies after having been released from jail on his own recognizance on previous crimes. The jury deliberated for approximately five hours before returning their verdicts.

This case involved the defendant obtaining, over the internet, two Citibank credit cards using the personal information of a stranger. From October 11, 2007 to October 14, 2007, the defendant used those credit cards to make 35 purchases in Shasta County. The fraudulent credit purchases ended when the defendant was arrested by Detective Robert Modin of the Anderson Police Department.

When arrested on October 14, 2007, Detective Modin found and seized from the defendant's wallet the two credit cards in the stranger's name. In addition, the defendant had in his pocket a one-way bus ticket on Greyhound from Redding to Las Vegas. The bus ticket was purchased with one of the fraudulently obtained credit cards and was in the name of the same man.

While testifying at trial, the defendant volunteered that in 2007 he had obtained Food Stamps fraudulently in the name and identification of another person.

The defendant is currently serving a prison term for 2007 felony convictions for Forgery and Unauthorized Use of Personal Identification from Shasta County.

The defendant chose to represent himself during the trial.

Sentencing is scheduled for April 10, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. in before the Honorable Judge Cara Beatty in Dept. 8 of the Shasta County Courthouse. The maximum sentence that could be imposed is 26 years and 8 months.

Detective Robert Modin of the Anderson Police Department investigated this case. Shasta County Deputy District Attorney Eamon Fitzgerald prosecuted this case.