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June 04 — Oklahoma City resident Daniel Wayne Ausmus, 44, was sentenced to serve 78 months in prison for aggravated identity theft, mail fraud and submitting false claims to the United States.

In addition to the 78-month prison term, United States District Judge Timothy D. DeGiusti ordered Ausmus to serve three years of supervised release upon leaving prison and pay \$45,972.62 in restitution to the victims, which include the IRS and states of Oklahoma, Kansas, Hawaii, Alabama, North Carolina and Missouri.

According to court filings and information from the plea and sentencing hearings, starting in November 2009, Ausmus used various sources to obtain personal information of more than 100 individuals including names, dates of birth and Social Security numbers.

Ausmus then used these to fraudulently apply online for prepaid debit cards. He had the cards mailed to vacant houses near his residence where he would retrieve them after delivery. In addition, Ausmus used the personal information to file false claims for state and federal tax refunds.

Ausmus was charged Oct. 30, 2012, and later pled guilty to all three counts.

The United States Postal Inspection Service and IRS Criminal Investigation investigated the case. Assistant United States Attorney Timothy Ogilvie prosecuted the case.

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