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SEDALIA MAN SENTENCED FOR CREDIT FRAUD

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced today that a Sedalia, Mo., man has been sentenced in federal court for credit fraud.

Anthony R. Elwood, 34, of Sedalia, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Dean Whipple on Feb. 20, 2003, to four years in federal prison without parole. The court also ordered **Elwood** to pay \$153,049.42 in restitution to the victims of his crime.

On May 28, 2002, **Elwood** pleaded guilty to a fraud scheme that lasted from August 1999 to November 2001. **Elwood** submitted false information to banks, credit card companies and other lenders in order to obtain credit, Graves explained, then by using those accounts obtained money, credit and credit cards for his own use. In the furtherance of his fraud scheme, **Elwood** applied for credit in the names of others and used bank accounts in the names of others, Graves said, for which he did not have permission.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the U.S. Postal Inspection Service.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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