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## **GRANDVIEW WOMAN INDICTED FOR COMPUTER FRAUD, ID THEFT**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Grandview, Mo., woman was indicted by a federal grand jury today on charges related to computer fraud and identity theft.

**Andrea Ross**, 23, Grandview, Mo., was charged five-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that **Ross**, with intent to defraud and without authorization, accessed a protected computer of American Express Company in order to further an intended fraud and to obtain an American Express Card on Oct. 15, 1999.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that **Ross** used a Social Security number that had not been assigned to her, in order to obtain an American Express Card on Oct. 15, 1999.

Count Three of the federal indictment alleges that **Ross**, with intent to defraud and without authorization, accessed a protected computer of American Express Company in order to further an intended fraud and to obtain an American Express Card on Aug. 16, 2000.

Count Four of the federal indictment alleges that **Ross** used a Social Security number belonging to another person with the intent to commit an unlawful activity, that being unauthorized use of an American Express Card, on Aug. 16, 2000.

Count Five of the federal indictment alleges that **Ross** used an American Express Card issued in another person's name between Aug. 16, 2000 and Feb. 7, 2001, in order to receive something of value equal to or exceeding \$1,000.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in the indictment are simply accusations, and

not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney John E. Cowles. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the U.S. Postal Inspection Service.

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