NEW YORK RESIDENT PLEADS GUILTY IN AMTRAK EVOUCHER SCAM

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Kevin Nelson, a resident of New York, pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York, on August 30, 2021, to Aggravated Identity Theft for his involvement in an Amtrak eVoucher scheme. Nelson and his co-conspirators used stolen credit card and personal information to make unauthorized purchases of Amtrak tickets and then cancelled or exchanged those tickets for eVouchers. Subsequently, they sold the fraudulently obtained eVouchers on the internet. The approximate loss to Amtrak from the scheme is \$450,000. Nelson's sentencing is pending.