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PRESS RELEASE

State Attorney Bill Eddins announced today that Irving Brown was sentenced by Circuit Judge Linda Nobles to 15 years state prison for Conspiring to Conduct or Participate in an Enterprise through a Pattern of Racketeering Activity and Grand Theft. Brown was convicted by an Escambia County Jury on May 8, 2014.

In 2012, an investigation was instituted after an individual was arrested for failing to pay for a taxi cab fare. It was later determined she had been in Marion, Broward, Orange, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa and Escambia Counties involved in a ring of individuals who had burglarized vehicles, stolen people's identities and checks, and uttered fraudulent checks within Escambia and other counties. The investigation implicated Irving Brown as the person who broke into the vehicles and provided identifications and stolen checks for other conspirators to cash.

Additionally, the investigation revealed the group traveled on multiple occasions from Fort Lauderdale, Florida to Escambia County, Florida for the purposes of passing stolen checks that Brown and his co-conspirators provided. Irving Brown would then get the females in their group to utter forged checks at various banking institutions throughout Florida and several other states. The checks that were uttered were written for various amounts and the cash was then turned over to Brown and his associates.

The investigation and arrest were conducted by the Escambia County Sheriff's Office and the Pensacola Police Department. Assistant State Attorney Michael Riley prosecuted the case. For further information, please contact Mr. Riley at 595-4249.