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MAYS LANDING— A Superior Court Judge sentenced an Egg Harbor Township man to 10 years in prison on Friday for forgery, identity theft, wrongful impersonation, credit card fraud and fraudulent use of credit cards, Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel announced.

Matthew J. Fein, 44, entered guilty pleas over the past year, to second, third and fourth-degree charges, related to credit card fraud and identity theft, for multiple crimes involving numerous victims of his identity theft.

Prior to being sentenced Fein asked that the Judge show leniency. However Assistant Prosecutor Lynn Heyer stated that Fein should be incarcerated because he has never shown the slightest scintilla of remorse and he fled the jurisdiction, fought extradition and the state had to get a Governor's warrant to bring him back to New Jersey. And despite entering guilty pleas to some recent crimes, he continued to commit new credit and theft-related offenses.

Superior Court Judge Bernard E. DeLury agreed with the state that prison was the only way to deter him from committing more offenses.

"Justice was served in that there are victims who still have concerns over their credit histories and therefore there is a strong need for deterrence because criminal activity of this sort takes so much time and energy on the part of the victim to remedy," Heyer said.

Anyone with information involving serious crimes is asked to call the Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office at 609-909-7800 or go to the Prosecutor's Office Web site at <http://www.acpo.org/tips.html> and provide information by filling out the form anonymously on the Submit a Tip page. People can also call Crime Stoppers at 609-652-1234 or 1-800-658-8477 (TIPS) or visit the Crime Stoppers Website at <http://www.crimestoppersatlantic.com/>. Crime Stoppers offers cash rewards for information leading to the arrest and indictment of those who commit crimes in Atlantic County.