

Russian pleads guilty in US to selling hacked credit cards

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A Russian man has pleaded guilty in New Jersey to selling some of the 160 million credit and debit card numbers obtained in a computer hacking scheme.

Moscow resident Dmitriy Smilianets entered his plea Wednesday in U.S. District Court in Camden. The 32-year-old faces up to 30 years in prison plus millions in fines when he is sentenced Jan. 13.

U.S. Attorney Paul Fishman said in 2013 that the case is the largest hacking scheme prosecuted in the U.S.

Another Russian national pleaded guilty Tuesday. Two other Russian nationals and a Ukrainian are charged in the case. Two remain at large.

Princeton-based Heartland Payment Systems Inc. was one of the main corporate targets of the scheme.

The information was sold and used to create magnetic strips for counterfeit credit cards.

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