

Fraud Fugitive in Facebook Trap

A man who was on the run from police in the U.S. revealed where he was hiding through a series of Facebook updates.

Cameroon-born Maxi Sopo falsely obtained credit from banks while he was living in the U.S. By the time he had finished, he had stolen more than $200,000. He then escaped to Cancun, in Mexico, where he was happily spending the money, until he made posts on his Facebook page telling the world that he was "living in paradise."

"He was posting about how beautiful life is and how he was having a good time with his buddies," said Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael Scoville. "He was definitely not living the way we wanted him to be living, given the charges he was facing," he added.

However, during his time in Cancun, Mr. Sopo also befriended a former justice department official on the networking site. This man, who had only met Mr. Sopo a few times, was able to discover exactly where Mr. Sopo was living. As soon as he had this information, he passed it to the Mexican authorities who arrested Sopo last month.

The twenty-six-year-old is currently in custody in Mexico City.

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