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The preppy fugitive

He had a life of privilege in Dallas. Now he's in an English jail. How did he get there?

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Doug Havard changed names, countries and crimes, authorities say. But wherever he went, they say, fraud and deception followed — from the affluent University Park streets, where he's charged with organized crime and pushing drugs, to England where he was apprehended June 4, suspected of involvement in a far-reaching global identity theft ring.

Mr. Havard — a former prep student with privilege — sits in a Leeds jail, awaiting a likely extradition to the United States, his days as an international fugitive over. English authorities

have charged the 21-year-old with carrying a fake passport, more than \$21,000 in fraudulent traveler's checks and a firearm.

Five felony charges await him

in Dallas and Collin counties — including drug dealing, organized crime, counterfeiting and aggravated robbery. He has not entered pleas in any of the local cases and has not been convicted of any crime.

Authorities here and in Europe are also investigating allegations of Mr. Havard as a middleman in an international banking and identity theft ring, according to multiple law enforcement sources with knowledge of the case. Officials say the investigation involves Russia-

Doug Havard fled America in July 2002 for Belize, according to a former associate. He also made trips to Canada, where he maintained an apartment. He may have visited China. He was living in Leeds, England, for about 6 months, traveling around Europe, before his arrest this month.



At left, campaigning in school; arrested in 2002

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