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ROCHESTER WOMAN INDICTED FOR THREATENING TO KILL THE PRESIDENT

ROCHESTER, N.Y.– U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced that a federal grand jury has returned an Indictment charging Christine Wright Darrisaw, 37, of Rochester, N.Y., with threatening to kill the President and making a false statement to Secret Service Agents. Each charge carries a maximum sentence of five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Craig R. Gestring, who is handling the case, stated that the defendant threatened to kill President Barack Obama during a telephone call to the White House on February 24, 2012. Thereafter, she made a false statement to Secret Service Agents during the course of the investigation.

The defendant will be arraigned before U.S. Magistrate Judge Jonathan W. Feldman at 12:00 p.m. today in Rochester.

The Indictment is the culmination of an investigation on the part of Special Agents of the United States Secret Service, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge, Tracy Gast.

The fact that a defendant has been charged with a crime is merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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