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## **WOMAN PLEADS GUILTY TO WIRE FRAUD**

ROCHESTER, N.Y.-- Rose Durbin, 42, of Rochester, NY, pled guilty to one count of wire fraud before United States District Judge David G. Larimer, U.S. Attorney Kathleen M. Mehlretter of the Western District of New York announced today. Wire fraud carries a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison, a fine of \$250,000, or both.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Tiffany H. Lee, who handled the case, stated that the defendant, Rose Durbin, had knowingly devised and intended to devise a scheme and artifice to defraud Metropolitan Life Insurance Company by means of false and fraudulent representations. Between September 2004 and April 2006, defendant created false medical records related to an injury she had sustained while working in Florida and submitted the records by fax to Metropolitan Life in order to continue to receive long-term disability benefits she knew she was not entitled to as she had resumed working in the Western District of New York, thereby disqualifying her from receiving further benefits. As a result of the scheme, Durbin received over \$30,000 in benefits.

The plea was the culmination of an investigation on the part of Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation under the direction of Special Agent in Charge James Robertson and the New York State Insurance Fraud Bureau .

Sentencing will be in front of U.S. District Judge David G. Larimer on November 18, 2009 at 11am.