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## WOMAN PLEADS GUILTY IN INSURANCE WIRE FRAUD CASE

ROCHESTER, N.Y.-- Alma Perry, 33, of Rochester, New York, pled guilty yesterday to one count of an indictment that charged her with wire fraud before United States District Judge Charles J. Siragusa, 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.

Perry admitted that on June 15, 2007, a fire severely damaged a house she owned and occupied. At the time of the fire, Perry did not possess any property insurance. On June 16, 2007, Perry applied for and was issued insurance by American Bankers Insurance Company (also known as "Assurant"). Perry caused to be submitted fraudulent forms via facsimile to Assurant indicating that her house had been damaged by fire on June 16, 2007.

The criminal complaint was the culmination of an investigation on the part of the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco Firearms and Explosives and the New York State Insurance Fraud Bureau .

Sentencing is scheduled before the Hon. Charles J. Siragusa on January 6, 2010 at 2pm.

