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WILMINGTON WOMEN SENTENCED FOR MYRTLE BEACH FRAUD

Columbia, South Carolina---- United States Attorney W. Walter Wilkins stated that Teresa Halsey Windham, age 39, and Doris Gardner Canty, age 54, both of Wilmington, North Carolina, were sentenced in federal court in Florence, South Carolina, for conspiracy to commit bank fraud, a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1349. United States District Judge Terry L. Wooten of sentenced Windham to 24 months imprisonment and ordered to pay restitution of \$4,825.75, and CANTY to 2 months imprisonment, 5 years supervised release with the first 6 months on home detention, and ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$4,825.87.

Windham and Canty pled guilty to conspiring to make and pass counterfeit commercial checks with the intent to commit bank fraud. In January 2008, Windham and Canty made counterfeit checks in North Carolina, then traveled to Myrtle Beach and opened accounts at various area banks. They then deposited or cashed the counterfeit

checks at the banks. Windham and Canty made numerous trips to Myrtle Beach for he scheme, and obtained \$10,826.00 before being caught. Canty was arrested by the North Myrtle Beach Police Department on January 22, 2008, while attempting to conduct a transaction at the First Federal Bank branch at 550 Highway 17 North Plaza at Gator Hole, North Myrtle Beach.

The case was investigated by Wilmington (NC) Police Department, North Myrtle Beach Police Department, Horry County Police Department and agents of the United States Secret Service . The case was handled by Assistant United States Attorney William E. Day, II.

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