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DAVENPORT WOMAN SENTENCED ON FEDERAL MAIL AND WIRE FRAUD CHARGE

DAVENPORT, IA – On October 11, 2011, Amy Marie Cox, age 32, of Davenport was sentenced to 30 months imprisonment after pleading guilty to conspiracy to commit mail and wire fraud, announced United States Attorney Nicholas A. Klinefeldt. United States District Judge John A. Jarvey also sentenced Cox to three years of supervised release following imprisonment and ordered her to pay restitution in the amount of \$11,642.00.

Cox admitted that from March 2009 to July 2009, she agreed via the Internet to receive and create counterfeit checks and money orders. Cox would chat with and follow the instructions of a subject using several screen names, including Larry John, Ray Clark, Terry Stone, Dan Frank, Ronald Smith and Frank Johnson. Cox agreed to mail these counterfeit checks to victims who were solicited to cash these checks and forward the proceeds. Individuals receiving these counterfeit checks through the mail, believing the checks were legitimate, would cash these checks at financial institutions, and mail or wire the money to Cox or another designated individual. The individuals receiving and cashing the counterfeit checks were promised a percentage of the money received when the checks were cashed. On February 26, 2010, Cox accepted delivery of approximately \$1,287,800 in counterfeit cashier's checks shipped to her from the country of Benin.

The case was investigated by the Department of Homeland Security Investigations, the United States Postal Inspection Service, and the Wilton, Iowa, Police Department, and was prosecuted by the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Iowa.

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