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HUDSON WOMAN SENTENCED TO 28 MONTHS IN PRISON FOR IDENTITY THEFT

Albany, New York — STEPHANIE FAULKNER, age 23, of Hudson, New York, was sentenced today by Chief United States District Court Judge Gary L. Sharpe, in Albany to 28 months of imprisonment for conspiracy and aggravated identity theft, announced United States Attorney Richard S. Hartunian and William Leege, Resident Agent-in-Charge, United States Secret Service, Albany, New York. FAULKNER, who had entered guilty pleas on March 6, 2012 to one count of conspiracy to commit wire fraud and aggravated identity theft, and to one count of aggravated identity theft, was also ordered to pay \$17,615.76 in restitution.

Beginning in March 2011, FAULKNER was involved in a conspiracy to obtain personal identity information maintained by medical offices for employees and patients. FAULKNER and her co-conspirators used this information to open credit accounts and make unauthorized charges in the names of the victims.

This case was investigated by the United States Secret Service.