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## NIGERIAN MAN SENTENCED FOR FRAUD AT AREA COLLEGES

BUFFALO, N.Y.-- U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Chidinma Amorha, 24, of Nigeria, who was convicted of wire fraud, was sentenced to 10 months in prison by Chief U.S. District Judge William M. Skretny.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Marie P. Grisanti, who handled the case, stated that between May and June of 2011, the defendant presented fraudulent checks to Buffalo State College, Canisius College, and Niagara University to purchase books and other items from bookstores at each institution. Amorha knew that there were insufficient funds in the accounts the checks were written from to make the purchases. The defendant also admitted to carrying out this scheme at Stony Brook, Syracuse University, State University of New York at Purchase and at Columbia University.

The conviction was the culmination of an investigation on the part of the New York State Police under the direction of Major Christopher Cummings and Special Agents of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Homeland security Investigations, under the direction of James C. Spero, Special Agent In Charge.

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