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BUFFALO WOMAN SENTENCED FOR BANK FRAUD

BUFFALO, N.Y.-- U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today Brianna N. Greene, 24, of Buffalo, N.Y., who was convicted of bank fraud, was sentenced to 15 months in prison, and three years supervised release by U.S. District Court Judge Richard J. Arcara. Judge Arcara also ordered Greene to pay restitution in the amount of \$23,331 to the financial institution and \$1,168.75 to the victim.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Aaron J. Mango, who handled the case, stated that from September 2005 to October 14, 2005, Greene and Jason Hall devised and executed a scheme to obtain a student loan in the amount of \$23,331 by fraudulently listing Victim 1 as a cosigner of the loan. In order to further their scheme, the defendants utilized Victim 1's social security number, which they had learned while leasing a home from the victim, and also Victim 1's date of birth, which they had tricked the Victim into providing. The defendants also submitted fraudulent and forged letters from Erie Community College and Victim 1's employer. In addition, in January and February of 2006, the defendants fraudulently obtained two more private student loans in the amount of \$36,669 by listing Victim 1 as a cosigner and providing false supporting documentation.

Co-defendant Jason Hall, 24, was sentenced to one month in prison, seven months home confinement, and three years supervised release in February 2012.

The sentencing is the culmination of an investigation on the part of Agents of the U.S. Secret Service under the direction of Tracy Gast, Special Agent-In-Charge, and the Buffalo Police Department under the direction of Commissioner Daniel Derenda.

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