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ROCHESTER WOMAN PLEADS GUILTY TO STEALING GOVERNMENT FUNDS

ROCHESTER, N.Y.-- U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Judy McFadden, 53, of Rochester, N.Y., pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge David G. Larimer, to stealing government property and funds. The charge carries a maximum penalty of one year in prison, a fine of \$100,000 or both.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Marisa J. Miller, who is handling the case, stated that between September 2007 and April 2010, the defendant received Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) Section 8 rent subsidy benefits. To continue receiving the benefits each year, McFadden certified to HUD that she was the only adult living in her home and was the only individual in the household earning income. The defendant admitted that she married in September 2007, that her husband lived with her and earned income, and that she knowingly failed to disclose her marriage to HUD. As part of her sentence, the defendant will be required to pay restitution in the amount of \$12,926.

The plea is the culmination of an investigation on the part of Special Agents of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development - Office of Inspector General, under the direction of Cary Rubenstein.

Sentencing is scheduled for December 18th, at 10 a.m. before Judge Larimer.

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