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ATLANTA WOMAN INDICTED ON BANK FRAUD AND IDENTITY THEFT CHARGES

ROCHESTER, N.Y.--U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that a federal grand jury in Rochester has returned an eight-count indictment charging Doree Alison McGee, 37, of Atlanta, Georgia, with conspiracy to commit bank fraud, bank fraud and aggravated identity theft. The bank fraud charges carry a maximum penalty of 30 years in prison, a fine of \$1,000,000 or both. The aggravated identity theft charges carry a maximum penalty of two years to be served consecutively to the punishment imposed for the underlying bank fraud charges.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Tiffany H. Lee, who is handling the case, stated that according to the Indictment, McGee conspired with others to execute a scheme to defraud Bank of America. The defendant is accused of flying to different Bank of America branches across the country, having a co-conspirator pose as an actual Bank of America bank account holder, and directing the co-conspirator to make cash withdrawals.

McGee and a co-conspirator flew into the Western District of New York on March 16, 2011. Between March 16 and March 18, the defendant and her co-conspirator went to Bank of America branches in the Western District of New York and withdrew and attempted to withdraw money from the accounts of different account holders. McGee and the co-conspirator presented fake identification documents using the real names of the actual account holders.

The Indictment is the culmination of an investigation on the part of Special Agents of the United States Secret Service, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Tracy Gast.

The fact that a defendant has been charged with a crime is merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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