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WEST SENECA WOMAN PLEADS GUILTY TO BANK THEFT

BUFFALO, N.Y.-- U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Diane McManigal, 44, of West Seneca, N.Y., pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Richard J. Arcara to theft of bank money. The charge carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison, a fine of \$250,000 or both.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael DiGiacomo, who is handling the case, stated that the defendant deposited fraudulent checks into two local banks and subsequently withdrew the funds knowing the checks were fraudulent. The total loss to the two local banks is approximately \$7,000.

The plea 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.

Sentencing is scheduled for February 6, 2013, at 1:00 p.m. before Judge Arcara.

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