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## WOMAN PLEADS GUILTY TO FRAUD CHARGES

BUFFALO, N.Y.--U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced that Regina R. McCullen, 53, of Buffalo, N.Y., pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Richard J. Arcara, to conspiracy to commit fraud in connection with identification documents. The charge carries a maximum term of 15 years in prison, a \$250,000 fine, or both.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Mary Catherine Baumgarten, who is handling the case, stated that in or about July 2010, the defendant conspired with others during the course of her employment in the Clerk's office in the City of Buffalo, to produce, without lawful authority, a birth certificate card issued by the City of Buffalo Clerk's Office in another person's name. Thereafter, that birth certificate card produced by the defendant was used by Derek Frank to travel via airlines under that other person's name, between Buffalo, New York and Phoenix, Arizona.

The plea is part of an ongoing investigation on the part of Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Christopher M. Piehota; Transportation Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, under the direction of Federal Security Director, Rick DePietro; U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, under the direction of Dale Kasprzyk; NFTA Transit Police, under the direction of Chief George Gast, and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, under the direction of James C. Spero.

Sentencing is scheduled for December 20, 2011, at 12:30 p.m., in Buffalo, N.Y., before Judge Arcara.