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WOMAN SENTENCED FOR DEFRAUDING FEMA

ROCHESTER, N.Y.-- U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Joetta Morgan, 45, of Rochester, NY, who was convicted of theft of government funds, was sentenced to three years probation by Judge David G. Larimer. Morgan was also ordered to pay restitution to the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Assistant U.S. Attorney John J. Field, who handled the case, stated that the defendant falsely claimed to be living in New Orleans and was displaced when Hurricane Katrina struck. Morgan was actually residing in Rochester at the time. As a result of the fraudulent statements, the defendant received \$2,000 in federal disaster assistance money to which he was not entitled.

The sentencing is the culmination of an investigation on the part of Special Agents from the Department of Homeland Security, Office of Inspector General, under the direction of Greg Null, Special Agent in Charge.

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