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## **BATH WOMAN PLEADS GUILTY TO BANK LARCENY**

ROCHESTER, N.Y.-- U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Heather Pospiech, 38, of Bath, N.Y., pleaded guilty before U.S. Magistrate Judge Marian W. Payson to bank larceny. The charge carries a maximum penalty of one year in prison and a \$100,000 fine.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Craig R. Gestring, who is handling the case, stated that while the defendant was employed as an Licensed Practical Nurse with the VA Medical Center in Bath, she obtained control over a debit card belonging to a patient under her care. Pospiech used the card, without the patient's permission or authorization, to withdraw money from an HSBC Bank account.

The plea is the culmination of an investigation conducted by Special Agents from the Veterans Administration - Office of Inspector General, under the direction of Special Agent In Charge Jeffrey Hughes.

Sentencing is scheduled for January 9, 2012, at 11:00 a.m., in Rochester, N.Y., before Judge Payson.

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