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TWO SENTENCED IN BANK FRAUD CASE

BUFFALO, N.Y.-- U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Christina Land, 35, and Reginald Wideman, 35, both of Buffalo, New York, who were convicted of bank fraud, were sentenced by U.S. District Judge Richard J. Arcara. Wideman received 15 months in prison and five years supervised release. Land was sentenced to eight months home detention and four years supervised release. Both defendants will also be required to make restitution.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Marie P. Grisanti, who is handling, stated that the defendants were part of a group of sixteen defendants charged with cashing bad checks at HSBC Bank, Key Bank and M&T Bank totaling approximately \$100,000. All 16 defendants have been convicted. Land and Wideman are the second and third defendants to be sentenced.

The sentencings are the culmination of an investigation on the part of Special Agents of the United States Secrete Service, under the direction of Tracy Gast, Special Agent in Charge.

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