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FORMER ROCHESTER WOMAN PLEADS GUILTY TO ROLE IN WIRE FRAUD CONSPIRACY

ROCHESTER, N.Y.-- U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Cassandra N. Dehn, 27, formerly of Rochester, N.Y., pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge David G. Larimer, to conspiracy to commit wire fraud. The charge carries a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison, a fine of 250,000 or both.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Marisa J. Miller, who is handling the case, stated that the defendant worked at the Comfort Inn and Suites in Willard, Missouri in the spring of 2009. Dehn conspired with co-defendant David Pierleoni to obtain credit card information, including numbers, access codes and expiration dates, belonging to the hotel's guests. The defendant then transmitted the credit card information to David Pierleoni in Rochester. Thereafter, Pierleoni and co-defendant Victor Ortiz used the credit card information to make fraudulent purchases.

The plea is the culmination of an investigation on the part of Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, under the direction of Christopher M. Piehota.

Sentencing is scheduled for February 5, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. before Judge Larimer. David Pierleoni and and Victor Ortiz have also been convicted and will be sentenced on January 15th and January 23rd, respectively, also before Judge Larimer

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