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## FORMER BRANCH MANAGER FOR REGIONS BANK SENTENCED FOR FEDERAL BANK FRAUD

Jackson, Miss -- Kimberly Miller, 37, a former branch manager for Regions Bank in Ridgeland, Mississippi, was sentenced today to 14 months in prison, followed by 4 years of supervised release, U.S. Attorney Donald R. Burkhalter and FBI Special Agent in Charge Daniel McMullen announced. Miller, a resident of Hattiesburg, was also ordered to pay back \$59,307.65 in restitution to Regions Bank.

Miller pled guilty in February to fraudulently increasing the lines of credit for various bank customers in December 2006, without their knowledge or consent, and then withdrawing funds from those lines of credit and converting those funds into cash and checks, which she would use for her own personal benefit. When customers would complain about unauthorized withdrawals from their lines of credit, she would conceal her fraud by telling them that there had been a mistake and she would take funds from other lines of credit to replenish the previous lines of credit from which she had stolen funds.

U.S. Attorney Burkhalter praised the efforts of special agents from the FBI Office in Jackson, and Assistant U.S. Attorney Mike Hurst, who prosecuted the case.

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