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NACOGDOCHES WOMAN SENTENCED FOR BANK FRAUD

(Beaumont, TX) United States Attorney Matthew D. Orwig announced today that a 26-year-old Nacogdoches woman has been sentenced to seven months in federal prison for bank fraud in the Eastern District of Texas.

TERESA FIELDS was also ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$18,019.32 by United States District Judge Thad Heartfield.

According to court documents, Fields, using the alias of Lakeisha Hooper, defrauded the Commercial Bank of Texas in Nacogdoches when she stole checks from the mailbox of an elderly Nacogdoches County resident on March 9, 2006, forged the stolen checks and cashed them at various branches of Commercial Bank of Texas. At times, Fields enlisted the assistance of other individuals to cash the checks and split the proceeds with Fields. Fields stole over \$21,000.00 from Commercial Bank of Texas. Fields was indicted for bank fraud on May 17, 2006. She pleaded guilty to the charges on July 21, 2006.

This case was investigated by the Nacogdoches Police Department and the U.S. Postal Inspection Service and prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Malcolm Bales.

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