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## **ROCHESTER WOMAN SENTENCED TO FULL RESTITUTION AND PROBATION FOR FORGING DECEASED MOTHER'S SIGNATURE TO STEAL WORKERS' COMPENSATION BENEFITS**

ROCHESTER – New York State Inspector General Catherine Leahy Scott today announced the sentencing of a City of Rochester woman who stole \$2,400 in Workers' Compensation benefits by forging her deceased mother's signature on benefit checks and keeping the money for herself.

Devon Lloyd-Fountain, 45, of Jefferson Avenue, Rochester, was sentenced in Rochester City Court to three years of probation with an order to pay \$2,400 restitution for her previous guilty plea to the crime of Petit Larceny.

An investigation by Inspector General Leahy Scott found that Lloyd-Fountain cashed eight Workers' Compensation benefit checks mailed to her mother, after her mother passed away on December 26, 2015. Lloyd-Fountain forged her mother's signature, deposited the checks into relatives' bank accounts and then withdrew the money from each deposit for her own use. Worker's Compensation benefits are supposed to cease upon the death of a recipient.

In total, Lloyd-Fountain defrauded the Workers' Compensation system by stealing \$2,400 in benefits to which she was not entitled.

"This defendant used her own mother's passing to enrich herself with financial benefits to which she was not entitled and must now pay back every cent she stole," said Inspector General Leahy Scott. "I will continue to use my office to protect vital Workers' Compensation benefits to help ensure they only go to those who are entitled to them."

Inspector General Leahy Scott thanked the Special Funds Conservation Committee for their assistance with the investigation, the New York State Police for their assistance with the arrest, and Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley and her office for prosecuting this matter.

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