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Bank Employee is Said to Issue Debit Cards in Names of Bank Customers, Then Used the Cards at ATMs in Florida to go on Shopping Spree

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ST. THOMAS — United States Attorney Gretchen C.F. Shappert for the District of the Virgin Islands announced Friday that Natasha Seetaram was arrested for bank fraud, aggravated identity theft, and related charges.

According to the indictment filed in the case, Seetaram formerly worked at the St. Thomas branch of a bank identified by the initials “B.P.” in the charging document. She is accused of using her position at the bank to issue debit cards in the names of bank customers without such customers’ knowledge or consent. Seetaram then used the cards for her own personal benefit, making ATM withdrawals and purchases first in St. Thomas and later in Jacksonville, FL when she relocated her residence there.

This case is being investigated by the United States Secret Service. It is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Nathan Brooks and Kyle Payne.

An indictment is merely a formal charging document, and it is not evidence of guilt. Every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless found guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

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