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Former Banco Popular Employee Sentenced to 12 Months After Using Credit Cards of Customers to Make Over \$40,000 in Purchases

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Banco Popular facility in Old San Juan, Puerto Rico. By. ERNICE GILBERT/ V.I. CONSORTIUM

ST. THOMAS — United States Attorney Delia L. Smith announced Thursday that Natasha Seetaram, 39, of St. Thomas, was sentenced by Chief District Judge Robert Molloy to 12 months and one day of incarceration, followed by four years of supervised release for bank fraud.

According to court records, Seetaram formerly worked at a St. Thomas branch of Banco Popular where she used her position as a bank employee to issue debit cards in the names of two unknowing bank customers. After issuing the ATM debit cards, Seetaram used the cards for her own personal benefit by making fraudulent ATM withdrawals and purchases in the amount of approximately \$43,000.00 in St. Thomas and Jacksonville, FL. The two victims were subsequently reimbursed by the bank and Seetaram was ordered by the court to pay restitution to the bank in the amount of \$43,418.76.

The case was investigated by the United States Secret Service and prosecuted by the United States Attorney's Office for the District of the Virgin Islands.

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