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MEDIA RELEASE

Prepared by: Lt. Schwartz		Date Prepared: 12/10/20	
Type of Incident: Grand Larceny, Forgery / Elder Abuse			
Date and Time of Incident: 2019 through July 2020			
Location of Incident: City of Ithaca			
Defendant(s): MaryAnn Church		Age: 64	Address: Locke, NY
Charge(s): Grand Larceny 3rd, 13 counts of Criminal Possession of Forged Instrument 2nd, and 14 counts of Forgery 2nd			

On December 10th, 2020 the Ithaca Police Department arrested Maryann Church on charges of Grand Larceny 3rd, Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument 2nd, and Forgery 2nd.

This arrest came after months of investigation by IPD Investigators who were originally notified of someone trying to cash a forged check. Upon further inquiry, it was learned that Church was a paid in-home elder care worker. She had been stealing from an elderly disabled veteran whom she had been hired to care for. The Defendant's criminal behavior occurred over several years and included theft through various types of fraudulent means.

Church was arraigned in Ithaca City Court and released on her own recognizance in accordance with New York State Law.

The Ithaca Police Department takes all forms of abuse seriously, including elder abuse. The IPD would like to remind friends and family of those who are vulnerable to be vigilant for suspicious activity and or abuse being committed. If anyone feels that they, or a friend or family member has been victimized by this Defendant, please contact the IPD through one of the following means:

Police Dispatch: 607-272-3245

Police Administration: 607-272-9973

Anonymous Email Tip Address: www.cityofithaca.org/ipdtips

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