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Anchorage Woman Found Guilty of Cashing a Forged PFD Check

(ANCHORAGE, Alaska) – On September 27, 2016, an Anchorage jury found Anchorage resident Bessie Ann Donovan guilty of one count of Forgery in the First Degree and one count of Theft in the Second Degree. The charges resulted from Ms. Donovan cashing a forged PFD check at a local grocery store on November 4, 2015. Ms. Donovan received \$1,427.07 from the forged check. Ms. Donovan had previously been disqualified from receiving a PFD check.

Ms. Donovan faces up to ten years in jail and a maximum fine of \$100,000 for the forgery count, a class B felony, and up to five years in jail and a maximum fine of \$50,000 for the theft, a class C felony.

Ms. Donovan's sentencing hearing is scheduled for January 30, 2017.

The investigation was conducted by the Criminal Investigations Unit of the State of Alaska Department of Revenue, which is the agency tasked with investigating fraud against the Permanent Fund Dividend Program. For more information on reporting PFD fraud, go to www.pfd.alaska.gov/fraud.

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