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PRESS RELEASE

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On January 5th, 2007 the Milton Police Department arrested Christopher L. Derouchie (age: 22) of Milton. He was charged with multiple counts of Forgery and one count of Exploitation of a Vulnerable Adult.

Derouchie is accused of exploiting an 85 year old female who lives alone at her residence in Milton, from late September through December of 2006. Derouchie conducted work for this elderly female based on a verbal agreement with her. The verbal agreement did not establish a price for the work, however it entailed Derouchie repairing the shingles on a small roof and some yard work. At this time Derouchie charged the elderly female nearly double the amount for the work it should have cost her.

While working at the victim's residence, Derouchie acquired approximately 18 blank checks from within the residence, without the female being aware. Derouchie then wrote the checks out to himself and friends. Derouchie forged the victim's signature and cashed the checks in large amounts at different locations throughout Chittenden County. Derouchie obtained nearly \$7450.00 in cash from the forged checks. During a three month period, Derouchie acquired nearly \$14,105.00 in both legitimate money and from cashing the forged checks.

The victim was not aware that Derouchie was exploiting money from her during this time frame, until the bank noticed Derouchie cashing numerous checks on the victim's checking account. After the bank contacted the Milton Police Department, an investigation was launched with the assistance of the Vermont Department of Disability and Aging.

Each count of forgery is punishable by imprisoned of not more than 10 years and fined not more than \$1,000.00, or both.

Exploitation of a Vulnerable Adult is punishable if a person exploits money, funds, or property is in excess of \$500.00 in value, shall be imprisoned not more than 10 years or fined not more than \$10,000.00, or both.

Derouchie was arraigned in Chittenden County District Court on January 11th, 2007 at 1015 hours.

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