STATE OF NEW YORK
CITY COURT

COUNTY OF MONROE
CITY OF ROCHESTER

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

-against-

FELONY COMPLAINT

TAMMY ECHOLS,
DOB: 11/2/1969

Defendant.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
COUNTY OF MONROE) SS.:)
CITY OF ROCHESTER)

Stephen Sachman, Detective, of the Office of the New York State Attorney General ("OAG"), Medicaid Fraud Control Unit ("MFCU"), deposes and says, based upon personal knowledge and upon information and belief, the sources of which include conversations with the Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") of St. John's Home, the Chief Financial Officer ("CFO") of St. John's Home, and employees in the Business Office of St. John's Home, text messages sent by the Defendant to the CEO, a review of the business records used at St. John's Home to issue refund checks, ledgers of credits and debits associated with residents' net adjusted monthly income ("NAMI"), a review of bank accounts owned by individual payees to whom Defendant issued checks from St. John's Home, interviews by MFCU personnel with those payees, review of the business records of business payees to whom Defendant issued checks drawn on a bank account of St. John's Home, a Rochester Police Department ("RPD") body worn camera ("BWC") recording of an interview conducted by RPD with the Defendant about her issuance of St. John's Home checks to people and businesses having no association with St. John's Home, and the investigation conducted by MFCU personnel, that in the City of Rochester, County of Monroe, State of New York, the Defendant, Tammy Echols, committed the following crimes:

COUNT #1: Grand Larceny in the Second Degree, a Class C Felony, in violation of §155.40(1) of the Penal Law of the State of New York; in that from on or about and between **January 1, 2023, to August 1, 2025,** at the business office of St. John's Home, 150 Highland Avenue, in the City of Rochester, and elsewhere in the State of New York, the Defendant stole property valued in excess of fifty thousand dollars ($50,000) from St. John's Home.

COUNT #2: Scheme to Defraud in the First Degree, a Class E Felony, in violation of §190.65(1)(b) of the Penal Law of the State of New York; in that from **January 1, 2023, to August 1, 2025,** at the business office of St. John's Home, 150 Highland Avenue, in the City of Rochester, and elsewhere in the State of New York, the Defendant engaged in a systematic course of conduct by which she intended to defraud or obtain property by false or fraudulent pretenses or representations from St. John's Home, residents owed money by St. John's Home, and/or those residents' authorized representatives. Pursuant to that course of conduct, Defendant obtained property having a value in excess of $1,000.00 from St. John's Home.

The above-listed crimes were committed as follows:

On or about and between **January 1, 2023, to August 1, 2025,** Defendant was employed as a Senior Account Specialist in the Business Office of St. John's Home, a long-term care and rehabilitation facility for the elderly. Defendant's work included billing residents for NAMI payments required by St. John's Home to offset the monthly cost of their stay. Defendant also had authority by virtue of her position at St. John's Home to issue refund checks to residents or their authorized recipients for NAMI overpayments. Defendant submitted requests for such refund checks, which included the name of the person or the business to whom the refund check was payable. Such checks were drawn on a bank account belonging to St. John's Home.

Defendant, without permission or authority of St. John's Home or various residents at St. John's Home, embezzled funds from the accounts of St. John's Home residents by using her position at St. John's Home to cause checks to be issued from St. John's Home to either pay off her personal debts to businesses where she had made personal purchases of products and/or services for herself or to friends and associates who after taking a handling fee, returned the bulk of the St. John's Home check proceeds to Defendant. To have such checks issued, Defendant caused false entries and/or intentionally omitted accurate entries in the business records of St. John's Home. The businesses that received such checks applied them to Defendant's personal accounts or balances that Defendant owed to the business. In total, Defendant stole $154,525.99 that belonged to St. John's Home, its residents, or the residents' authorized recipients.

FALSE STATEMENTS MADE HEREIN ARE PUNISHABLE AS A CLASS "A" MISDEMEANOR PURSUANT TO §210.45 OF THE PENAL LAW.

Dated: June 11, 2026

Detective Stephen Sachman
New York State Office of the Attorney General
Medicaid Fraud Control Unit