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FORMER ROCKLAND HEALTH AGENT INDICTED ON CHARGES THAT SHE FORGED RESTAURANT INSPECTION CERTIFICATES

BROCKTON – The former town health agent in Rockland has been indicted on charges that she allegedly forged certificates of inspection for 11 Rockland restaurants, Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz announced today.

A Plymouth County Grand Jury today returned 33 indictments against Janice R. McCarthy (DOB: 7-17-61) of Abington. McCarthy was charged with three counts each of Forgery of a Document, Uttering a False Writing, and False Written Report by a Public Employee, for the 11 establishments that were affected after an investigation.

McCarthy was employed as the Town of Rockland Health Agent, and as part of her duties, she was responsible for regular health inspections of food establishments in town. The investigation began when town administrators became aware of issues including, the validity of signatures on some of the reports submitted by McCarthy following a public records request.

The investigation by Rockland Police found that McCarthy produced a number of forged certificates. The investigation found no evidence that McCarthy acted with the knowledge or at the behest of any of the establishments. McCarthy resigned as a result of the investigation.

Assistant District Attorney Russ Eonas is prosecuting the case, which was investigated by Rockland Police Department.

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