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**Michigan Woman Sentenced to 6 Months in Prison for
Fraud Scheme Involving PUA Benefits**

PITTSBURGH - A resident of Lansing, Michigan, was sentenced yesterday in federal court to a charge of wire fraud, United States Attorney Cindy K. Chung announced today.

Brittany White, age 28, of Lansing, Michigan, was sentenced to a term of imprisonment of six months followed by a three-year term of supervised release by Judge J. Nicholas Ranjan.

The information presented to the Court indicated that, in July 2020, White had traveled to Pittsburgh in order to retrieve debit cards issued by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as a result of fraudulent applications for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance benefits. As part of the scheme, the debit cards had been directed to an address in Etna unconnected to White.

White was also ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$14,835.

Assistant United States Attorney Jeffrey R. Bengel prosecuted this case on behalf of the government.

The United States Department of Labor – Office of the Inspector General, United States Postal Inspection Service, and United States Department of Homeland Security Investigations conducted the investigation leading to the prosecution of White.

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