Repeat offender back in jail for bank fraud

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Sharon Denay Allen is no stranger to Caddo sheriff's detectives. She's been in and out of jail over the past year for various financial crimes. This past week, the 48-year-old Allen was arrested again for bank fraud, said Sheriff Steve Prator. Now she waits at Caddo Correctional Center, so far, unable to make a $100,000 bond.

Allen, who lives in the 1600 block of Audrey Lane, was arrested by Sheriff's Detective Bobby Herring for a scheme to defraud Home Federal Bank. Allen was on bond at the time, awaiting trial on numerous counts of bank fraud, forgery and issuing worthless checks.

Allen is accused of opening a fraudulent account through the bank and using the account to obtain money. She is also accused of issuing worthless checks from the account to purchase over $15,000 in jewelry from local jewelry stores in Shreveport and Bossier City. Some of the jewelry has been located in local pawn shops.

Herring obtained a warrant for Allen's arrest from Caddo Judge Roy Brun, who ordered Allen's bond on the new charges set at $100,000. Allen was located and arrested at a local employment agency.

Allen was previously arrested on January 22, 2009, for committing three separate bank fraud schemes. She was also charged with forgery and issuing worthless checks. Allen was released on bond and arrested again on February 9, 2009, for committing three more bank fraud schemes while awaiting trial. She made bond on those charges and was arrested August 14, 2009, for another bank fraud. She was arrested on November 4, 2009, by the Caddo Parish District Attorneyâ€™s Office for one count of issuing worthless checks. Allen was released on a bond of $50,000 for the worthless checks case.