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ATTORNEY GENERAL MASTO ANNOUNCES HOME HEALTHCARE WORKER SENTENCED FOR MEDICAID FRAUD

Carson City, NV – Nevada Attorney General Catherine Cortez Masto announced that home healthcare worker Felicia Wesley, 41, of Las Vegas, was sentenced on August 22 for Medicaid Fraud. Wesley pled guilty to two misdemeanor offenses, submission of false claims and petty theft.

“Fraudulent activities involving providers of Medicaid services will not go unpunished,” said Masto. “Prosecution of these types of cases sends a message to the health care community that they will be held responsible for their actions plus we will do what is necessary to get money back into the Medicaid system for recipients that need services.”

Justice of the Peace William Jansen sentenced Wesley to 60 days in jail, suspended, payment of \$4,000 in restitution and costs, plus the conviction will be processed for purposes of excluding Wesley from being a healthcare provider for government backed programs.

The investigation began in 2011 after Nevada Medicaid provided the Attorney General’s office information that personal care aid services were not being provided to a Medicaid recipient. Medicaid has a personal care aid program to keep people living independently in their own homes by providing basic services, including bathing, dressing, house cleaning and meal preparation. Medicaid contracts with home care companies that in turn employ individuals to provide the actual day-to-day care. The investigation developed information that Wesley was not at a patient’s home for the time periods she claimed to be providing services.

The case was investigated and prosecuted by the Nevada Attorney General’s Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU), which investigates and prosecutes financial fraud by those providing healthcare services or goods to Medicaid patients. The MFCU also investigates and prosecutes instances of elder abuse or neglect. Anyone wishing to report suspicions regarding any of these concerns may contact the MFCU at

775-684-1191 or 702-486-3187.

The case was prosecuted by Mark Kemberling, Chief Deputy Attorney General of the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit.

Read the criminal complaint by visiting <http://bit.ly/Wesleycomplaint> .



WESLEY, FELICIA KATHLEEN
(Photos courtesy of Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department)

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