

IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT ANCHORAGE

STATE OF ALASKA,)
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 Plaintiff,)
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 vs.)
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 CATHERINE SHIN CHOE,)
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 DOB: 4/15/1954)
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 APSIN ID: 7381256)
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 DMV NO. 7260732 AK)
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 ATN: 114-356-187)
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 Defendant.)
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 Case No. 3AN-13- CR
 3AN-13-459 SW

INFORMATION

I certify this document and its attachments do not contain the (1) name of a victim of a sexual offense listed in AS 12.61.140 or (2) residence or business address or telephone number of a victim of or witness to any offense unless it is an address identifying the place of a crime or an address or telephone number in a transcript of a court proceeding and disclosure of the information was ordered by the court.

The following counts charge a crime involving DOMESTIC VIOLENCE as defined in AS 18.66.990:

Count I - AS 47.05.210(a)(1)Fel C
Medical Assistance Fraud
Catherine Shin Choe - 001

Count II - AS 47.05.210(a)(5) Misd A
Medical Assistance Fraud
Catherine Shin Choe - 002

THE OFFICE OF SPECIAL PROSECUTIONS AND APPEALS CHARGES:

Count I

That on or about March 1, 2011 through August 29, 2012, at or near Anchorage in the Third Judicial District, State of Alaska, CATHERINE SHIN CHOE, knowingly submitted or authorized the submission of a claim to a medical assistance

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agency for property, services, or a benefit with reckless disregard that the claimant is not entitled to the property, services, or benefit.

All of which is a class C felony offense being contrary to and in violation of AS 47.05.210(a)(1) and against the peace and dignity of the State of Alaska.

Count II

That on or about March 1, 2011 through August 29, 2012, at or near Anchorage in the Third Judicial District, State of Alaska, CATHERINE SHIN CHOE, knowingly made a false entry or falsely altered a medical assistance record.

All of which is a class A misdemeanor offense being contrary to and in violation of AS 47.05.210(a)(5) and against the peace and dignity of the State of Alaska.

Probable Cause Statement:

The undersigned swears under oath this Information is based upon a review of the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) investigative report submitted to date.

The Program Integrity (PI) Unit of the Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) referred an investigation to the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) following a mortality review on Susan Choe, a Medicaid recipient who passed away on January 8, 2013. The review discovered that Susan Choe was found alone in her house with baby gates set up to barricade her inside the residence. Adult Protective Services workers observed unused medications indicating that she may not have been receiving the medications prescribed or the personal care assistance authorized. PI referred the case to MFCU for investigation after discovering that Catherine Choe was serving as Susan Choe's personal care assistant (PCA) and was billing Medicaid for hours when the recipient was left unattended.

PCAs are licensed and registered health care providers that the Alaska Medicaid Program pays to provide home based healthcare services which will allow Medicaid recipients to stay in their home rather than be placed in a nursing home type setting. Medicaid recipients are evaluated by DHSS for their individual healthcare needs and a PCA is then hired by the recipient to provide the identified services to the

recipient in the recipient's home. The PCA fills out a timesheet for the work done and submits it to a PCA agency that in turn bills Medicaid. Medicaid pays approximately \$24 an hour to the agency and the agency must pay the PCA at least half of that amount.

Medicaid documents revealed that beginning March 1, 2011, Catherine Choe submitted timesheets for providing PCA services to both Tae Park and Helen Park. A review of the timesheets submitted by Catherine Choe to Good Faith Services, LLC and later to Good Samaritan revealed overlapping time resulting in Catherine Choe billing Medicaid for providing PCA services simultaneously to multiple Medicaid recipients. The timesheets submitted by Catherine contain a notice certifying that the tasks identified were accomplished and that a misrepresentation constitutes fraud. In total, Catherine Choe billed Medicaid \$6,213.48 for overlapping time.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Agent Tim Brady also provided MFCU investigators with detailed border crossing information for Medicaid recipient Tae Ho Park. Tae Ho Park traveled internationally from August 6, 2012 through August 29, 2012. A review of timesheets submitted by Catherine Choe revealed that she billed Medicaid as much as \$113.80 per day during Park's absence resulting in a total bill to Medicaid of \$2,679.99 for PCA services never performed. In total, Catherine Choe billed Medicaid \$8,893.47 for PCA services that were never performed.

Dated at Anchorage, Alaska, this ____ day of July, 2013.

MICHAEL C. GERAGHTY
ATTORNEY GENERAL

By: _____
A. Andrew Peterson
Assistant Attorney General
Alaska Bar No. 0601002

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SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this ____ day of
July 2013, at Anchorage, Alaska.

Notary Public in and for Alaska
My Commission Expires: End of Hire