

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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 LIDIA MARIE PAREDES,)
 AKA: LIDIA M. DELECRUZ, LIDIA M.)
 DE LA CRUZ, LIDIA M. PAREDES)
 DOB: 2/23/1948)
 APSIN ID: 6241977)
 ATN: 114-356-439)
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 Defendant.)
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 Case No. 3AN-13- CR.)

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:

AS 47.05.210(a)(5)
Medical Assistance Fraud
Lidia M Paredes - 001

THE OFFICE OF SPECIAL PROSECUTIONS AND APPEALS CHARGES:

That on or about February 24, 2013 through March 24, 2013, at or near Anchorage in the Third Judicial District, State of Alaska, LIDIA M PAREDES, 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:

The undersigned swears under oath this Information is based upon a review of police report submitted to date.

Medicaid Fraud Control Unit Investigator Lance Anderson received a report that Personal Care Attendant (PCA) Lidia Paredes completed timesheets for services from February 24, 2013 through March 24, 2013 for providing Medicaid services to Medicaid recipient M.P., while she was actually out of the country. PCAs are health care providers that the Alaska Medicaid Program pays to provide home based healthcare services to recipients in their home. The PCA fills out a timesheet for the work done and submits it to a PCA agency and the agency bills Medicaid. Medicaid pays approximately \$24 an hour to the agency and the agency must pay the PCA at least half of that amount.

Investigator Anderson spoke with M.P. who informed him that Lidia live with M.P., but needed to travel to Santo Domingo in the Dominican Republic for family issues around February. M.P. indicated that Lidia left several filled out timesheets prior to going, and instructed he niece to deliver the timesheets to the PCA agency ResCare Home Care.

On August 8, 2013, Investigator Anderson spoke with Lidia Paredes. Lidia admitted to filling out four weeks of timesheets prior to leaving Alaska and to forging the M.P.'s power of attorney's signature on the timesheet. Lidia stated she never intended to cash the checks, but only submitted the timesheets as she believed that any interruption in services would result in M.P.'s services being denied. Investigator Anderson spoke with representatives from ResCare who stated that they were unaware of anyone in the company informing PCAs of such a policy. ResCare only became aware of the fact that Lidia was out of the country when the paycheck for Lidia was returned, and a company representative called M.P. The representative was told that Lidia was temporarily out of the country.

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

MICHAEL C. GERAGHTY
ATTORNEY GENERAL

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

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

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