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assistance 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 Felony class C offense being contrary to and in violation of 47.05.210(a)(2) and against the peace and dignity of the State of Alaska.

COUNT II

That in the Third Judicial District, State of Alaska, on or between March 7, 2011 and March 11, 2011, at or near Anchorage, DANILO ACUNA FAJARDO knowingly made a false entry or falsely altered a medical assistance record.

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

The undersigned swears under oath this Information is based upon a review of the report in MFCU case number 0242657 submitted to date and other information known to the undersigned regarding the Medicaid program:

The Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) is conducting a joint State and Federal investigation into fraudulent Medicaid billing by Personal Care Attendants (PCA) associated with several companies enrolled in Medicaid as home based healthcare providers. The Alaska Medicaid Program is administered by the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS). PCA's provide services to Medicaid recipients to allow them to remain in their homes rather than be placed in an assisted living facility. DHSS first evaluates recipients to determine their medical needs and authorizes recipients to hire a PCA to provide home health care services. Then, PCA's provide the services to recipients. Next, the PCA signs a timesheet for the work done and submits it to an agency, which, in turn, submits claims to DHSS. Finally, Medicaid pays approximately \$24 an hour to the agency and the agency must pay the PCA at least half of that amount.

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DHSS referred this case to MFCU on the grounds that PCA Danilo Fajardo had apparently submitted timesheets claiming to have provided Medicaid services to a recipient while Fajardo and/or the recipient was outside the United States. MFCU investigated and learned that other PCA's had provided services to the recipient while Fajardo or the recipient was traveling.

However, MFCU also discovered timesheets, signed by Fajardo, claiming that 6 Fajardo provided Medicaid services to the recipient during the period of March 7-11, 2013. MFCU acquired the recipient's hospital records showing that, contrary to the statements contained within the timesheets, the recipient was, in fact, admitted to the hospital during the period March 7-11, 2013. Because the recipient was hospitalized 10 during the period March 7-11, 2013, it is not possible that Fajardo's timesheets are true.

On March 7, 2016, MFCU interviewed Jennifer Fajardo Edora, the Defendant's sister and the power-of-attorney who signed Fajardo's timesheets. Ms. Edora said that she relied on the Defendant and the recipient to truthfully complete the timesheets. Ms. Edora described the recipient as a "sick lady," but denied remembering the exact dates of her hospitalization.

MFCU estimates that the total loss to the Medicaid program due to Fajardo's fraudulent timesheets for the period of March 7-11, 2013, is <u>\$846.55</u>.

BAIL INFORMATION

The State is aware of no prior criminal convictions of the Defendant.

Dated at Anchorage, Alaska, this 24th day of March, 2016.

CRAIG W. RICHARDS ATTORNEY GENERAL

By:

Jonas M. Walker Assistant Attorney General Alaska Bar No. 0712110 SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this _____ day of

March 2016, at Anchorage, Alaska.

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