IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT KETCHIKAN

STATE OF ALASKA,

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Plaintiff,

VS.

JUDYLEE A. GUTHRIE

DOB: 10/17/1988 APSIN ID: 6922216 DMV NO.: 0871978 AK

ATN: 114677514

Defendant.

(Judylee A. Guthrie) No.

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) Medical Assistance Fraud Judylee A. Guthrie - 001

Count II - AS 47.05.210(a)(5) Medical Assistance Fraud Judylee A. Guthrie - 002

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL CHARGES:

COUNTI

That in the First Judicial District, State of Alaska, on or about September 9, 2015 through November 30, 2015, at or near Ketchikan, JUDYLEE A. GUTHRIE knowingly submitted or authorized the submission of a claim to a medical 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)(1) and against the peace and dignity of the State of Alaska.

COUNT II

That in the First Judicial District, State of Alaska, on or about September 9, 2015 through November 30, 2015, at or near Ketchikan, JUDYLEE A. GUTHRIE 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 Medicaid Fraud Control Report 0641155 submitted to date.

On December 28, 2015, the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) received a report from Kara Lunde with Community Connections, Inc. in Ketchikan regarding fraud being committed by a personal care attendant (PCA). Lunde reported that PCA employee Judy Lee Guthrie was fraudulently billing Medicaid for PCA services that were never provided.

PCAs are enrolled in Medicaid as home-based healthcare providers. The Alaska Medicaid Program pays PCAs to provide services of daily living to Medicaid recipients, which will allow Medicaid recipients to stay in their home rather than be placed in an assisted living home type setting. Medicaid recipients are evaluated for medical needs by an employee of DHSS and the recipient is then authorized to hire a PCA to provide home based healthcare services. 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.

Lunde indicated that Community Connections Inc. learned of the fraud by Guthrie when the Medicaid recipient called to ask about the absence of her PCA. Guthrie's immediate supervisor Danielle Tomkinson called the recipient's home to check on the PCA and discovered that the PCA was not working her normal shift. Tomkinson spoke with both the recipient F.C. and Don Carl, who both confirmed that Guthrie was not providing the services indicated in the PCA timesheets submitted. Guthrie was, however, providing waiver services at a later time in the day.

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Investigator Boone interviewed Guthrie telephonically on March 14, 2016. Guthrie admitted she filled out the timesheets indicating she was providing PCA services from 7:15 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. when she in fact did not provide the services. Guthrie indicated she was driving her son to school and generally would arrive at F.C.'s residence around 10:00. In total, Guthrie billed Medicaid for 123.75 hours of services she did not provide. Guthrie billed Medicaid in excess of \$2,970.00 for PCA services she never provided. Community Connections Inc., however, discovered this fraud after Medicaid paid a total of \$950.95 in claims to for services not provided. Thus the total restitution due is \$950.95.

BAIL INFORMATION

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Dated at Anchorage, Alaska, this _____ day of April, 2016. CRAIG W. RICHARDS ATTORNEY GENERAL

By:

A. Andrew Peterson Assistant Attorney General Alaska Bar #0601002

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this ____ day of April 2016, at Anchorage, Alaska.

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

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