IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT ANCHORAGE 2 STATE OF ALASKA, 3 Plaintiff, 4 VS. 5 **NURKI ARELIS CAMPOS** 6 DOB: 04/20/1966 APSIN ID: 6533525 DMV NO.: 6533525 AK 8 ATN: 114677532 9 BRIGIDA ROSALBA CASTILLO DOB: 01/25/1971 10 **APSIN ID: 7115379** DMV NO.: 7064965 AK 11 ATN: 114677541 12 GRISELDA MERCEDES ANDUJAR 13 DOB: 12/10/1956 APSIN ID: 5578971 14 DMV NO.: 5578971 AK ATN: 114677559 16 **OBADIS P CABRERA** DOB: 03/26/1986 17 APSIN ID: 7038158 DMV NO.: 7007266 AK 18 ATN: 114677595 19 **ISVERT PEREZ** 20 DOB: 05/30/1975 APSIN ID: 7124291 21 DMV NO.: 7071735 AK ATN: 114677577 22 REVECA M MERCEDES DAVID DOB: 07/30/1966 APSIN ID: 8155944 DMV NO.: 7497463 AK 25 ATN: 114677586 26 Defendants. 27

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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

Nurki Arelis Campos - 001, Brigida Rosalba Castillo - 001, Griselda Mercedes Andujar -001, Obadis P Cabrera - 001, Reveca M Mercedes David - 001

Count II - AS 47.05.210(a)(5)

Medical Assistance Fraud

Nurki Arelis Campos - 002, Brigida Rosalba Castillo - 002, Griselda Mercedes Andujar -002, Obadis P Cabrera - 002, Reveca M Mercedes David - 002

> Count III - AS 47.05.210(a)(1)Fel C Medical Assistance Fraud Isvert Perez - 001

Count IV - AS 47.05.210(a)(5) Medical Assistance Fraud Isvert Perez - 002

THE OFFICE OF SPECIAL PROSECUTION CHARGES:

COUNT I

That in the Third Judicial District, State of Alaska, on or about June 12, 2012 through February 23, 2013, at or near Anchorage, NURKI ARELIS CAMPOS, BRIGIDA ROSALBA CASTILLO, GRISELDA MERCEDES ANDUJAR, OBADIS P CABRERA, AND REVECA M MERCEDES DAVID, 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

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That in the Third Judicial District, State of Alaska, on or about June 12, 2012 through February 23, 2013, at or near Anchorage, NURKI ARELIS CAMPOS, BRIGIDA ROSALBA CASTILLO, GRISELDA MERCEDES ANDUJAR, OBADIS P CABRERA, AND REVECA M MERCEDES DAVID,, 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.

COUNT III:

That in the Third Judicial District, State of Alaska, on or about May 31, 2011 through July 3, 2013, at or near Anchorage, ISVERT PEREZ, 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 IV:

That in the Third Judicial District, State of Alaska, on or about May 31, 2011 through July 3, 2013, at or near Anchorage, ISVERT PEREZ, 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 Unit report 0222756 submitted to date.

The Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) received a fraud referral from Hearts and Hands of Care alleging that two Medicaid recipients were travelling internationally

The Alaska Medicaid Program is administered by the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS). DHSS first evaluates recipients to determine their medical needs and authorizes recipients to hire a PCA to provide home healthcare services. The PCA is then supposed to provide the authorized services to recipients. Next, the PCA and recipient or the recipient's power of attorney signs a timesheet attesting that the authorized work was in fact 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.

Prior to December 23, 2011, Alaska Medicaid would authorize payment for PCA services provided by the PCA to the recipient while both were travelling internationally if the travel was pre-approved. On December 23, 2011, the Department of Health sent out a notice to all Medicaid providers that federal law prohibits Medicaid expenditures for services outside of the United States. See 7AAC 125.060(c) and 42 C.F.R. sec. 431.52(b).

One type of Medicaid fraud investigated by MFCU is known as "travel billing." An offender commits travel billing fraud by submitting timesheets claiming to have provided PCA services that cannot possibly have been provided because the provider, or the recipient, or both, are traveling outside the United States at the time of the purported service.

Hearts and Hands of Care employee T.A. reported that Medicaid recipients Nurki Campos and L.R. were traveling outside of the United States in the Dominican Republic at the same time as their PCAs were billing Medicaid for providing PCA services in

violation of Medicaid regulations. Hearts and Hands of Care spoke with Nurki Campos who confirmed that she and L.R. did in fact travel to the Dominican Republic.

MFCU investigators requested international travel records from Immigration and Customs Enforcement and confirmed that both Campos and L.R. were out of the country from February 11, 2013 through February 23, 2013. Travel information further confirmed that Campos was out of the country from June 12, 2011 through July 10, 2011. A review of Medicaid billing records revealed that five different Medicaid providers billed for allegedly providing PCA services to Nurki Campos while she was travelling in the Dominican Republic. Two of the Medicaid providers billed for allegedly providing services to L.R. during travel periods and one billed Medicaid for allegedly providing services to Medicaid recipient T.W. during two periods of travel.

Medicaid investigators interviewed Nurki Campos regarding the services she allegedly received while travelling internationally. Campos admitted to travelling to the Dominican Republic in June 2012 to visit her ailing father. She admitted to pre-signing timesheets and giving them to her juvenile daughter. The various care providers that Medicaid was paying to provide Campos with services of daily living would then come in and watch Campos' juvenile daughter while Campos was in the Dominican Republic. Campos reviewed the timesheets and confirmed her signatures on the timesheets. Campos claimed that she believed it was ok for the providers to bill Medicaid for watching her child as the providers were helping. Campos also admitted to traveling in 2013. Medicaid was billed a total of \$6,265.52 and paid a total of \$4,692.33 for services that were not provided.

PCA Griselda Andujar is Campos' sister and the daughter of L.R. She submitted timesheets to Hearts and Hands of Care for a total of \$2,241.68 for allegedly providing PCA services to Campos from June 12, 2012 through July 10, 2012. Griselda Andujar was interviewed at her place of and confirmed her signatures on the timesheets submitted, stated that she was watching Campos' daughter during the time in question,

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and admitted that it was wrong to submit timesheets and get paid for PCA services she did not complete.

PCA Obadis Cabrera submitted timesheets to Hearts and Hands of Care for a total of \$1,113.60 for allegedly providing respite services to Campos from July 1-10, 2012. Cabrera admitted to submitting timesheets for services that were not provided. Cabrera stated that Campos encouraged him to bill the hours while she went on vacation to the Dominican Republic and that it was wrong to bill for services not provided. stated that he was babysitting his cousin (Nurki Campos' juvenile daughter) during the time that Campos was in the Dominican Republic.

PCA Brigida Castillo submitted timesheets to Hearts and Hands of Care for a total of \$2,586.40 for allegedly providing PCA services to both Campos and L.R. from June 12, 2012 through July 10, 2012 (Nurki) and again from February 11, 2013 through February 23, 2013 (Nurki and L.R.). Castillo admitted to MFCU investigators that she billed for providing PCA services while Campos was out of the country, but also claimed to have provided care for Campos' daughter. Castillo then indicated that she travelled with recipient R.L. to the Dominican Republic in 2013 and provided the authorized services.

PCA Reveca Mercedes David submitted timesheets to Hearts and Hands of Care for a total of \$1,122.53 for allegedly providing PCA and chore services to Nurki and PCA services to L.R. during the 2013 trip.

PCA Isvert Perez submitted timesheets to Hearts and Hands of Care for a total of \$1,938.00 for allegedly providing PCA services to T.W. from May 31, 2011 through June 14, 2011 and June 5, 2013 through July 3, 2013 and respite services to Campos from February 11, 2013 through March 12, 2013. Perez admitted to MFCU investigators that she submitted fraudulent timesheets for providing respite services for Campos, but that she was never paid. Perez also admitted to previously taking a trip to the Dominican

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Republic and could not remember if she was paid for those services. A review of her travel records indicated that she in fact billed for this travel period.

In total, Medicaid paid \$4,659.33 for the unauthorized service of caring for Campos' child while she was on vacation in the Dominican Republic in 2012. Campos and L.R.'s Medicaid providers attempted to bill Medicaid a total of \$2,822.78 for PCA and respite services for the trip Campos and L.R. took to the Dominican Republic in 2013. Finally, PCA Perez, in addition to the \$417.60 she attempted to bill for respite services provided to L.R. in 2013, was paid a total of \$1,520.40 for PCA services she never provided (2011) or was not authorized to provide (2013) to recipient T.W. during periods of international travel.

BAIL INFORMATION

Griselda Mercedes Andujar:

CONV COURT	CONV DATE	CONV CHARGE	COURT DOCKET	POS ID	FEL	ATN
DAN	3/16/93	ASSAULT	93-1156	Y	N	100156812

Dated at Anchorage, Alaska, this day of May, 2016.

CRAIG W. RICHARDS ATTORNEY GENERAL

By: A. Andrew Peterson

Assistant Attorney General Alaska Bar No. 061002

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

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

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