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## THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE CHARGES:

## COUNT I:

That in the Third Judicial District, State of Alaska, on or about March 2012-July 2015, at or near Anchorage, KEVIN YONG KOO SONG AND HAE SUK SONG, as principal or accomplice, 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.

8 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 Third Judicial District, State of Alaska, on or about March 2012 - July 215, at or near Anchorage, KEVIN YONG KOO SONG AND HAE SUK SONG, as principal or accomplice, 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 police report 0633040 submitted to date. Further information:

22 The Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) is conducting a joint State and Federal 23 investigation into fraudulent Medicaid billing by Personal Care Attendants (PCAs). PCAs are 24 enrolled in Medicaid as home-based healthcare providers. The Alaska Medicaid Program pays 25 PCAs to provide services of daily living to Medicaid recipients, which will allow Medicaid 26 recipients to stay in their home rather than be placed in an assisted living home type setting. 27 Information State v. Kevin Yong Koo Song, 3AN-17-CR State v. Hae Suk Song, 3AN-17-CR

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Medicaid recipients are evaluated for medical needs by an employee of the Department of Health 1 and Social Services. The DHSS evaluator decides on an appropriate number of hours for the 2 recipient to receive home healthcare based on the recipient's needs. The Medicaid recipient is 3 4 then authorized to hire a PCA through a PCA agency to provide those home based healthcare 5 services. The PCA fills out a timesheet for the work done over the course of specific day or 6 week and both the PCA and the recipient (or guardian) signs the timesheet. The PCA then 7 submits the timesheet to a PCA agency. The PCA agency in turn bills Medicaid. Medicaid pays 8 approximately \$24 an hour to the agency and the agency must pay the PCA at least half of that 9 amount. 10

One type of Medicaid fraud investigated by MFCU is known as "travel billing." 11 An 12 offender commits travel billing fraud by submitting timesheets claiming to have provided PCA 13 services that cannot possibly have been provided because the provider or the recipient, or both, 14 are traveling outside the United States at the time of the purported service. Prior to December 15 23, 2011, Alaska Medicaid could authorize payment for PCA services while travelling 16 internationally if the travel was pre-approved. On December 23, 2011, the Department of Health 17 sent out a notice to all Medicaid providers that federal law prohibits Medicaid expenditures for 18 19 services outside the United States. See 7 AAC 125.060(c) and 42 C.F.R. § 431.52(b). Under no 20 circumstances may a recipient travel outside of the United States of America and still receive 21 Medicaid-funded services.

Defendants Kevin Young Koo Song and Hae Suk Song, husband and wife, are both PCAs who have been employed by PCA agencies Good Faith Services, LLC and related companies A Loving Care and Sunshine. Kevin and Hae Song purportedly provided PCA services to a number of individuals. MFCU began investigating this case from a tip that Kevin

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and Hae Song were fraudulently billing for services purportedly rendered to one client, including that that one client did not actually need PCA services and that the Songs were not providing services, and that Medicaid was paying the Songs for services not provided and fraudulently billed.

As part of the investigation, MFCU Investigator Lance Anderson requested Immigration and Customs Enforcement records for international travel for Kevin and Hae Song. MFCU investigators discovered the following international trips taken by Kevin Song: From 3/10/12 to 3/14/12 to Mazatlán, Mexico; from 3/5/13 to 3/12/13 to Los Cabos, Mexico; from 4/6/13 to 4/21/13 to Incheon, South Korea; from 9/8/13 to 9/17/13 to Lima, Peru; from 11/5/14 to 11/9/14 to Juarez, Mexico; and from 6/28/15 to 7/4/15 to Incheon, South Korea. MFCU investigators discovered the following international trips taken by Hae Song: From 3/5/13 to 3/12/13 to Los Cabos, Mexico.

Kevin Song continued billing Medicaid for services that he could not have provided during each of the above trips. He fraudulently billed, and was paid, a total of approximately \$7,400.76 in PCA services during the above time periods. Hae Song continued billing Medicaid for services that she could not have provided during the above trip. She fraudulently billed, and was paid, a total of approximately \$1,107.70 in PCA services during the above time periods.

20 Investigator Anderson interviewed Kevin and Hae Song separately with the assistance of an interpreter. Kevin Song confirmed that he was traveling outside of the country on at least 22 some of the above dates. Kevin Song stated first that his wife took care of the recipients when he 23 was traveling, then stated that his sister-in-law did the caretaking, and then stated that an 24 unknown person did the caretaking. Kevin Song stated that he received the money for the 25 26 fraudulent travel billing. Hae Song stated that she was traveling with Kevin but that someone at

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3 4 notice. 5 Kevin and Hae Song, both individually and as principal and accomplice, violated AS 6 7 8 9 10 11 knowingly making a false entry in a medical assistance record. 12 **BAIL INFORMATION** 13 14 release set at arraignment. 15 16 Dated at Anchorage, Alaska, this day of January, 2017. 17 18 JAHNA LINDEMUTH 19 ATTORNEY GENERAL 20 21 By: Eric Senta 22 Assistant Attorney General Alaska Bar No. 1011091 23 24 25 26 27 Information State v. Kevin Yong Koo Song, 3AN-17-CR State v. Hae Suk Song, 3AN-17-CR Page - 5 - of 5

the company told her it was ok to bill Medicaid for that time anyway. Both Kevin and Hae Song acknowledged that there was a legal notice on the bottom of their time sheets which stated that "misrepresentation constitutes fraud," but both stated they did not read or pay attention to that

§ 47.05.210(a)(1) by knowingly submitting or authorizing the submission of a claim to a medical assistance agency for property, service, or a benefit with reckless disregard that they were not entitled to the property, service, or benefit, and pursuant to AS § 47.05.230, the value of the fraud was between \$500-\$25,000. Kevin and Hae Song also violated AS § 47.05.210(a)(5) by

The State requests a summons issue for the defendants with appropriate conditions of