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## **HEALTHCARE WORKER SENTENCED FOR MEDICAID FRAUD**

**Las Vegas** – Attorney General Catherine Cortez Masto announced today that Las Vegas Dianna Smith, age 48, was sentenced for a Gross Misdemeanor violation of Medicaid Fraud. District Court Judge Stewart L. Bell sentenced her to 90 days in jail, suspended; payment of \$6,500 in restitution, penalties, and costs; serve 3 years probation plus 80 hours of community service. The case was investigated and prosecuted by the Attorney General’s Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU).

MFCU Director, Tim Terry, stated that the investigation began in 2006 as a result of a citizen’s complaint. The charges stemmed from a record review of home care services Ms. Smith alleged to have performed. Investigators discovered that while she was employed at a full time job she was also submitting time sheets indicating she was providing home care services to Medicaid recipients.

Attorney General Cortez Masto said, “The most unfortunate aspect of this case was that Medicaid recipients were not provided their care as approved by the system. The continued prosecution of these types of cases is sending a message to the health care community that fraudulent activities involving Medicaid recipients will not go unpunished.”

The Nevada Attorney General’s Medicaid Fraud Control Unit investigates and prosecutes instances of financial fraud by those providing healthcare services or goods to Medicaid patients. The unit also investigates and prosecutes elder abuse or neglect. Anyone wishing to report suspicions regarding any of these concerns may contact the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit in Carson City (775) 684-1191 or in Las Vegas (702) 486-3187. Medicaid fraud information can also be found on the Attorney General’s web site: <http://ag.state.nv.us>