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

**Las Vegas** – Attorney General Catherine Cortez Masto announced today that Las Vegas Toni Griffin, age 34, was sentenced for Medicaid Fraud. Griffin pled guilty to a gross misdemeanor offense: Failure to Maintain Adequate Records. District Court Judge Sally Loehrer sentenced her to 60 days in jail, suspended, payment of \$2,870.00 in restitution, penalties, and costs, serve 3 years probation, plus 16 hours of community service per month. The case was investigated and prosecuted by the Attorney General’s Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU).

Attorney General Cortez Masto said “Though the financial loss in this case appears small, the continued prosecution of this type of crime is sending a message to the health care community that fraudulent activities involving Medicaid recipients will not go unpunished.”

MFCU Director, Tim Terry, said the investigation began in 2007 after information was obtained that personal care aid services were not being provided to a Medicaid recipient. Medicaid has a personal care aid program to keep people living independently in their own homes by providing basic services, including bathing, dressing, cleaning, and meal preparation. Medicaid contracts with home care companies that in turn employ individuals to provide the actual day-to-day care. The investigation developed information that Griffin was not at patient’s homes for the time periods she claimed to be providing services.

The Nevada Attorney General’s Medicaid Fraud Control Unit investigates and prosecutes instances of elder abuse or neglect. The unit also investigates and prosecutes financial fraud by those providing healthcare services or goods to Medicaid patients. 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>