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NEVADA ATTORNEY GENERAL ANNOUNCES FORMER GROUP HOME OWNER AND ADMINISTRATOR SENTENCED

Las Vegas, NV – Nevada Attorney General Catherine Cortez Masto announced today that Janice Burch, 42, the owner and administrator of Skyview II, a Las Vegas residential facility group home, has been sentenced for three gross misdemeanor offenses for neglect of duty in willful disregard of safety of persons.

“The health and security of our older citizens obliges us to prosecute those who willfully mismanage their welfare,” said Masto. “Pursuit of these cases promotes safe and secure living environments for our vulnerable citizens who depend on the care of others.”

Skyview Group Home II is a residential facility that housed elderly and disabled persons.

The Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (LVMPD) responded to a caregiver’s complaints that she had been instructed, by Burch, to forge daily medication documentation, as if the residents were appropriately receiving their medications when in fact they had not.

The case was further investigated by Abuse/Neglect personnel of LVMPD, the Aging and Disabilities Service Division, the Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance and the Attorney General’s Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU). Their investigation further revealed faulty operational documentation and inadequate toileting facilities. The Skyview residents were removed from the home and transferred to other facilities.

In conjunction with receiving credit for time served, Burch was also required to perform 120 hours of community service and pay a \$1,000 fine. Burch is further prohibited from ownership, employment or having any connection with medical facilities, group homes or provision of personal care services.

Clark County District Court Judge Jerome Tao sentenced Burch on April 10. The case was prosecuted by Matthew L. Jensen, Senior Deputy Attorney General.

Read the criminal information by visiting: <http://bit.ly/BurchCriminalInformation>.

The Nevada Attorney General's MFCU 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 MFCU at 775-684-1191.



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