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ATTORNEY GENERAL LAXALT ANNOUNCES SENTENCING OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROVIDER

Las Vegas, NV – Nevada Attorney General Adam Paul Laxalt announced that Ashley Cox, 30, of Las Vegas, was sentenced today in a Medicaid fraud case involving the submission of false Medicaid claims.

Cox was sentenced for one misdemeanor offense of submitting false claims, Medicaid fraud, by Justice Court Judge Ann Zimmerman. Zimmerman sentenced Cox to 6 months incarceration, suspended, performance of 150 hours of community service and payment of \$27,300 in restitution. The fraud occurred from February 2012 to April 2014.

“Prosecution of these types of crimes helps to deter future crimes against the Medicaid system,” said Laxalt. “Convictions and repayment of Medicaid funds helps ensure that Medicaid recipients are receiving needed services.”

The investigation began after the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) received information that Cox had allegedly not provided behavioral health services to Medicaid recipients while also being the owner of Vegas Valley Behavioral Health. The investigation revealed that Cox had submitted documentation for services alleged provided to Medicaid recipients that was false. The documentation was false as it contained information for services that did not occur, or were for services that were not for the length of time as noted in the documentation.



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The MFCU investigates and prosecutes financial fraud by those providing healthcare services or goods to Medicaid patients. The MFCU also investigates and prosecutes instances of elder abuse or neglect. Persons convicted of Medicaid fraud may also be administratively excluded from future Medicaid and Medicare participation. Anyone wishing to report suspicions regarding any of these concerns may contact the MFCU at 702-486-3420 or 775-684-1100.

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The case was prosecuted by Andrew Schulke, Senior Deputy Attorney General.

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