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## ATTORNEY GENERAL MASTO ANNOUNCES FORMER GROUP HOME OWNER SENTENCED

**Las Vegas, NV** – Nevada Attorney General Catherine Cortez Masto announced that a former owner and administrator of a group home facility in Las Vegas, who exploited one of the residents of that facility, has been sentenced to 12 months in jail and ordered to pay \$68,249 in restitution, penalties, and costs.

Gloria Repollo, 58, of Las Vegas, was sentenced on June 27 for one gross misdemeanor offense of exploitation of an older person, by Clark County District Court Judge Stewart Bell. Bell also sentenced Repollo to community service and three years of probation in this elder exploitation case.

"Prosecuting elder abuse cases promotes safe living environments and protects our elderly population from financial predators," said Masto. "This office will continue to assist our elderly citizens and ensure they are not being exploited."

Investigators from the AG's office began looking into the case after information was obtained from the <u>Clark County Public Guardians Office</u> that Repollo, the owner and administrator of Adult Care Senior Home, was financially exploiting one of the residents of the home. The investigation revealed that Repollo was obtaining money from a victim during times that the resident was hospitalized and had been deemed incompetent by a medical professional.

The exploitation occurred from April 2009 to January 2010.

Persons convicted of abuse, neglect, or exploitation of the elderly may also be administratively excluded from future Medicaid and Medicare participation.

The case was investigated and prosecuted by the Nevada Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU), which 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. Anyone wishing to report suspicions regarding any of these concerns may contact the MFCU at 775-684-1191.

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

Read the criminal information by visiting: <a href="http://bit.ly/RepolloCriminalComplaint">http://bit.ly/RepolloCriminalComplaint</a>.



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(Photo courtesy of Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department)

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DISTRICT COURT

CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

STATE OF NEVADA, CASE NO.: C-12-281586-1

Plaintiff, ) DEPT, NO.: VII

vs.

GLORIA REPOLLO,

Defendant.

CRIMINAL INFORMATION

The State of Nevada, by and through legal counsel, CATHERINE CORTEZ MASTO, Nevada Attorney General, and Andrew Schulke, Sr. Deputy Attorney General, hereby informs the Court that GLORIA REPOLLO, the above named Defendant, has committed the criminal offense of: Exploitation of an Older Person, one (1) count, a gross misdemeanor, in violation of NRS 200.5099(4) and 200.5092(2), within Clark County, State of Nevada as follows:

## COUNT I EXPLOITATION OF AN OLDER PERSON NRS 200.5099(4) and 200.5092(2) Gross Misdemeanor

Defendant did then and there, while having assumed the responsibility as an owner and administrator of a facility for the caring for an older person(s), did utilize the trust and confidence obtained from an older person to exploit and convert money, assets or property from an older person. Defendant did so with the intention of permanently depriving an older

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On or about April 3, 2009 through January 9, 2010, Defendant, while operating a medical facility named Adult Care Senior Home (Adult Care) located at 1316 S. 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Las Vegas, NV, did exploit an older person (J.V., a male over 60 years of age). Defendant made multiple ATM withdrawals utilizing J.V.'s ATM card and PIN number during times that J.V. was hospitalized and without J.V.'s knowledge. Defendant also had numerous checks made payable to her, through Adult Care, during time periods that J.V. had been deemed incompetent by a medical professional due to dementia and other ailments. During this time period, J.V. was deemed unable to respond to a substantial and immediate risk of financial loss.

All of which was committed in the County of Clark, and constitutes a gross misdemeanor in violation of NRS 200.5099(4) and 200.5092(2).

All of which is contrary to the form, force, and effect of statutes in such cases made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the State of Nevada. Furthermore, complainant makes this declaration subject to the penalty of perjury.

DATED this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2012.

CATHERINE CORTEZ MASTO Attorney General

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