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## **Attorney General Ford Announces Sentencing of Las Vegas Woman for Neglect of Her Vulnerable Son**

**Las Vegas, NV** – Today, Nevada Attorney General Aaron D. Ford announced that Denise Anne Ying-Gray, 58, of Las Vegas, was sentenced on a neglect charge for permitting or allowing a vulnerable person to suffer unjustifiable pain or suffering. Ying-Gray was responsible for caring for her vulnerable son, who she left in deplorable, roach-infested living conditions. She failed to provide adequate food, clothing and care for him and, ultimately, abandoned him at a day program when she dropped him off to go to a casino and never returned to pick him up.

The Honorable Erika Mendoza adjudicated Ying-Gray guilty of Neglect of a Vulnerable Person, a category C Felony, and sentenced her to 12 to 30 months in the Nevada Department of Corrections, suspended; placed her on probation; and ordered her to pay more than \$3,000 in restitution, costs, and penalties.

“There is no excuse for caregivers who abuse, neglect, exploit or abandon individuals who have been placed in their care, especially those who are vulnerable and elderly,” **said AG Ford**. “My office takes its obligation to protect our elderly and vulnerable citizens seriously, and we will continue to investigate and prosecute those who put Nevadans at risk.”

The investigation of this case began after the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) received a report from the North Las Vegas Police Department of possible abandonment and neglect of a vulnerable individual. The investigation revealed that Ying-Gray left her vulnerable son at a day treatment facility and never returned to pick him up. The housing she provided her son was filthy, roach-infested, and contained locks on the outside of the doors so her son could not leave.

Ying-Gray would send her son to his day program without adequate food or clean clothing and would leave him in soiled briefs. Ying-Gray also continued to submit documentation and get

reimbursed from Medicaid for allegedly providing personal care services to her son after she abandoned him. Ying-Gray continued to collect payment for providing her son services that she was not providing him because he was no longer under her care.

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. The Nevada MFCU receives 75% of its funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services under a grant award. The remaining 25% is funded by the State of Nevada, MFCU. Anyone wishing to report suspicions regarding any of these concerns may contact the MFCU at 702-486-3420 or 775-684-1100.

This case was investigated by the Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit and is being prosecuted by Senior Deputy Attorney General Behnaz Salimian Molina.

To file a complaint with the Office of the Nevada Attorney General, [click here](#).

Read the [Criminal Information](#) for Denise Ying-Gray.