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ATTORNEY GENERAL FORD ANNOUNCES CONVICTION OF RINGLEADER INVOLVED IN FEDERALLY FILED MEDICAID FRAUD CASE

Las Vegas, NV – Today, Nevada Attorney General Aaron D. Ford announced that Carol Kirby, of Las Vegas, was sentenced today in Federal Court for fraudulently enrolling multiple behavioral health companies with Nevada Medicaid and receiving Medicaid monies based on those false representations.

Carol Kirby was sentenced for Conspiracy to Commit Healthcare Fraud in Federal District Court by Judge Andrew P. Gordon. As part of the conviction, Carol Kirby received five (5) years of supervised release and was ordered to pay over \$372,000 in restitution. Carol Kirby was also ordered to participate in an outpatient mental health treatment program and provide 100 hours of community service. The fraud occurred between July 2014 and February 2018. Individuals or businesses convicted of Medicaid fraud may also be administratively excluded from future Medicaid and Medicare participation.

The investigation began after the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) received a referral from Nevada Medicaid's Surveillance Utilization Review ("SUR") unit against a Rehabilitative Mental Health ("RMH") provider. The investigation revealed that Carol Kirby was part owner of Apostolic Behavioral Health as well as Henderson Family

Services. While owning said companies, Kirby obtained money from Nevada Medicaid alleging services were provided to Medicaid recipients when the investigation revealed they were not. The investigation also revealed that Carol Kirby made false statements to Medicaid in order to open up the RMH companies that she also owned with her husband, Greg Kirby. Greg and Carol failed to disclose to Medicaid the fact that Greg Kirby had prior criminal history which would have prevented him from opening up a Medicaid provider company if he would have disclosed those convictions to Medicaid during the enrollment period. Carol Kirby was aware of Greg's criminal convictions and also allowed the false representations to be made to get provider status with Medicaid.

Greg Kirby is currently scheduled to be sentenced in Federal Court for his role in the fraud in September 2024.

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 percent of its funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services under a grant award. The remaining 25 percent is funded by the State of Nevada, MFCU. 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.

To view the criminal information, click here. To file a complaint with the Office of the Nevada Attorney General, click here.

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