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Attorney General's Office Announces Sentencing of Las Vegas Couple and Behavioral Health Company for Medicaid Fraud

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**Las Vegas, NV** – Today, Nevada Attorney General Aaron D. Ford announced that Terrell and Marlene Drake, of Las Vegas, and their company, Everton's Place dba Impossible Behavioral Health Services, were sentenced for Medicaid Fraud.

The Honorable Judge Ron Isreal adjudicated Everton's guilty of Intentional Failure to Maintain Adequate Records, which is a Gross Misdemeanor. As part of the sentence, Everton's Place was ordered to serve 364 days in jail (suspended). Additionally, Marlene Drake and Terrell Drake were previously convicted of Submitting False Claims: Medicaid Fraud for their role in owning and operating Everton's Place. As part of the convictions, \$100,000 in restitution was ordered.

The investigation of this case began after the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) received a referral from Nevada Medicaid regarding allegations of fraud. The investigation showed that from January 2021 through November 2021, Everton's Place submitted claims to Medicaid asserting that specific services or quantiles of services were provided to various Medicaid recipients. The investigation further showed that Everton's Place failed to maintain accurate and complete documentation to substantiate the claims made to Medicaid for the alleged services provided. As owners of the company, Marlene and Terrell Drake knew of the requirement to maintain the documentation and failed to do so.

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 was prosecuted by Senior Deputy Attorney General Steve Sidhu.

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

The Criminal Information for Everton's Place is attached.