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Attorney General Moody Announces Arrest of Owner of Caregiving Company for More Than \$20,000 in Medicaid Fraud



TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Attorney General Ashley Moody today announced the arrest of the owner of a caregiving company for more than \$20,000 in Medicaid fraud. According to Attorney General Moody’s Medicaid Fraud Control Unit investigation, Jasmine Victoria Stanley double booked and charged Medicaid for medical services never requested by a recipient.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, “This owner of a caregiving company intentionally double billed the Florida Medicaid program for services not requested or rendered by the recipient. These fraudulent representations and charges resulted in nearly \$21,000 in fraud for Florida Medicaid. Thanks to our Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, this owner is now arrested, and her scheme is shut down.”

Stanley owned Prestige Comfort Care, a personal care services provider for Medicaid recipients based in Duval County. The MFCU investigation revealed that Stanley knowingly billed Medicaid for services not rendered by a recipient or the recipient’s family. The recipient’s father provided a detailed explanation of the fraudulent claims to investigators, as well as travel documents and communication messages between the two parties showing that the recipient did not require services over certain time periods due to being out of town or sick.

However, Stanley submitted multiple double billings and billed for services rendered by an employee ineligible to provide services, altogether causing a loss to the Florida Medicaid program of nearly \$21,000. The investigation further uncovered that Stanley's employment with the recipient ended in late September 2023; yet, Stanley still used the unqualified employee to continue the fraudulent billings.

Stanley is charged with one count of Medicaid provider fraud over \$10,000, a second-degree felony. The defendant faces up to 15 years in prison if convicted. MFCU will prosecute the case through an agreement with Melissa Nelson, State Attorney for the Fourth Judicial Circuit.

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The Florida Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit investigates and prosecutes providers that intentionally defraud the state's Medicaid program through fraudulent billing practices. Medicaid fraud essentially steals from Florida's taxpayers. Additionally, the MFCU investigates allegations of patient abuse, neglect, and exploitation in facilities receiving payments under the Medicaid program.

The Florida MFCU is funded through a grant totaling \$29,707,695 for Federal Fiscal Year 2024, from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services-Office of Inspector General. The Federal Share of these funds is 75% totaling \$22,280,772. The State Matching Share of these funds is 25% totaling \$7,426,923 and is funded by Florida.