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Florida Attorney General's Office News Release

Attorney General James Uthmeier Announces Arrest of Home Services Provider for Defrauding Florida Taxpayers

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Attorney General James Uthmeier's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, with the assistance of the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, announced the arrest of the owner of Amirah Healthcare LLC, a Medicaid-funded home and community services provider. According to the law enforcement investigation, Juantavis Lavonte Hudson submitted claims to Medicaid for services that were never rendered, causing a loss to Florida Medicaid of more than \$50,000.

"This defendant fraudulently billed Florida taxpayer-funded Medicaid tens of thousands of dollars," said **Attorney General James Uthmeier**. "Thanks to the work of our law enforcement partners and the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, he will face up to 30 years in prison."

In March of 2024, the parents of a Medicaid recipient expressed concerns about Hudson's billing practices. The recipient's parents confirmed that he had not provided services on several of the dates and times Hudson had billed.

The Medicaid Fraud Control Unit conducted further investigation, revealing that Hudson billed and was paid for services not rendered to three Medicaid recipients, as confirmed by their caregivers' testimony and pertinent documents, causing a total Medicaid loss of \$53,201.34.

Hudson faces one count of Medicaid Provider Fraud over \$50,000, a first-degree felony.

The Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit will prosecute the case through an agreement with the State Attorney's Office 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 \$30,510,157 for Federal Fiscal Year 2025, from the U. S Department of Health and Human Services-Office of Inspector General. The Federal Share of these funds is 75 percent totaling \$22,882,620. The State Matching Share of these funds is 25 percent totaling \$7,627,537 and is funded by Florida.