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### **MAN SENTENCED FOR SEXUAL ABUSE OF HIS MOTHER**

**Washington, D.C.** – Stambert Dean, who was arrested and charged in 2009 in connection with the sexual abuse of his 84-year old mother, was sentenced yesterday for Fourth Degree Sexual Abuse, United States Attorney Ronald C. Machen, Jr. and District of Columbia Inspector General Charles J. Willoughby announced today.

Dean, age 65, was found guilty on June 25, 2010, of two counts of Fourth Degree Sexual Abuse following a jury trial in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia before the Honorable Ronna Beck. Judge Beck sentenced Dean to 12 months in prison on each count, concurrent with each other, with all but 30 days suspended, and 5 years of probation to be supervised by the Sexual Offender Treatment Unit. Dean's last 3 years of probation may be unsupervised, if he complies with all conditions of probation in the first 2 years. Conditions of probation include sexual offender evaluation and treatment if appropriate, mental health evaluation and treatment as necessary, limited contact with vulnerable adults, and no contact of any type with his mother unless permitted in advance by his probation officer. In addition, Dean is required to register as a Sexual Offender for a period of 10 years.

According to testimony at trial, over a period of several days in September 2008, staff at the nursing home where Dean's mother lives observed Dean sexually abusing his mother, who was incapable of speaking out due to medical conditions. Specifically, staff saw Dean with his hand in his mother's diaper and also observed Dean caressing her from her breasts to her knees as he kneeled in front of her and kissed her on the mouth. The staff members, who were distressed and disturbed by what they observed, reported what they had seen and an investigation was initiated.

In announcing the conviction and sentence, U.S. Attorney Machen and Inspector General Willoughby praised the work of Criminal Investigator Arkieva Smith and Patient Abuse Investigator Jonathan Rich of the Office of the Inspector General Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) for their

investigation of the matter, and Dangkhua Nguyen, Special Assistant U.S. Attorney from the MFCU who directed their investigation. He also praised the work of paralegal Cynthia Muhammad, legal assistant Etta Ford, and victim advocate Maria Shumar. Finally, he commended Assistant United States Attorney Karen Rich, who investigated the case, and Assistant United States Attorney Sarah McClellan, who also investigated the case and presented it in court.