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### **FORMER CAREGIVER IS SENTENCED FOR ABUSE**

**Washington, D.C.** – Julia Warren, R.N., a former employee of Innovative Concepts a District of Columbia residential provider for persons with mental retardation and developmental disabilities, was sentenced for Criminal abuse of a vulnerable adult, United States Attorney Ronald C. Machen, Jr. and District of Columbia Inspector General Charles J. Willoughby announced today.

Warren, age 63, of Washington, D.C., was found guilty of criminal abuse of a vulnerable adult and sentenced on July 21, 2010, in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia before the Honorable Harold Cushenberry, Jr. Judge Cushenberry sentenced the defendant to 150 days in prison, with all days suspended and 90 days unsupervised probation. Additionally, the Court ordered Warren could not work with vulnerable adults, and to pay \$50 towards the Victim of Violent Crime Compensation Act fund.

According to testimony at trial, on December 17, 2009, the victim was scheduled to go to a doctor's appointment. The victim did not want to go. Warren dragged the victim by his ear down several steps to get him from the apartment to the car. The victim was screaming, "ouch" and trying to get away from Warren's grasp.

In announcing the conviction and sentence, U.S. Attorney Machen and Inspector General Willoughby praised the work of Investigators Meghan Strickland and Victor Richardson of the Office of the Inspector General Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) for their investigation of the criminal abuse. Mr. Machen and Mr. Willoughby also commended the work of Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard DiZinno and Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Jacqueline N. Schesnol of the MFCU who jointly prosecuted the case.