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### **FORMER CAREGIVER IS SENTENCED FOR NEGLECT**

**Washington, D.C.** – Julius McCoy, a former employee of Behavioral Research Associates, a District of Columbia residential provider for persons with mental retardation and developmental disabilities, was sentenced for criminal neglect of a vulnerable adult, United States Attorney Ronald C. Machen, Jr. and District of Columbia Inspector General Charles J. Willoughby announced today.

McCoy, age 21, of Forestville, MD, was found guilty of criminal neglect of a vulnerable adult and sentenced on March 22, 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 six months unsupervised probation. Additionally, the Court ordered McCoy not to work with vulnerable populations, and to pay \$50 towards the Victim of Violent Crime Compensation Act fund.

According to testimony at trial, on August 17, 2009, McCoy was assigned to provide one-to-one care for the victim, a resident of a home located in Northeast Washington, D.C. operated by Behavioral Research Associates. On that day, the defendant left the victim's side to sleep on a couch in another room. In the defendant's absence, his client sustained numerous abrasions on his right forearm causing bleeding and loss of tissue.

In announcing the conviction and sentence, U.S. Attorney Machen and Inspector General Willoughby praised the work of Investigator Meghan Strickland of the Office of the Inspector General Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) for her investigation of the criminal neglect. 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.