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FORMER DRIVER IS SENTENCED FOR NEGLECT

Washington, D.C. – Bryant McLean, a former employee of Ward & Ward, 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.

McLean, age 37, of Washington, D.C., was found guilty of criminal neglect of a vulnerable adult and sentenced on June 3, 2010, in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia before the Honorable Linda Turner. Judge Turner sentenced the defendant to 180 days in prison, with all but 45 days suspended and 18 months supervised probation. Additionally, the Court specified a condition of probation that McLean could not work with any vulnerable persons. He was also ordered to pay \$100 towards the Victim of Violent Crime Compensation Act fund.

According to testimony at trial, on August 19, 2009, McLean was assigned to drive the vulnerable person from her day treatment program to her residence in northeast Washington, D.C. The defendant left the victim in the van, parked in direct sun, with the doors locked and the windows rolled up. Temperatures were recorded at 98°. The victim was discovered approximately two hours later sweating profusely and dehydrated.

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.