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**Former Nursing Home Employee Sentenced for
Stealing More Than \$7,400 from Elderly and Vulnerable District Residents**

WASHINGTON – Valerie Nicole Williams, 31, was sentenced on May 2, 2022, for the theft of \$7,421 from 11 elderly and vulnerable District nursing facility residents. The announcement was made by Daniel W. Lucas, Inspector General for the District of Columbia, and U.S. Attorney Matthew M. Graves.

According to Court records, Williams was the Business Officer Coordinator at Transitions Healthcare Capital City, a skilled nursing facility in the District. Between October 2018 and August 2019, Williams used her position to steal \$7,421 from seven elderly residents and four vulnerable adult residents at the facility. Williams forged the signatures of these residents to withdraw funds from the residents' accounts managed by the facility. In two instances she also redirected money orders intended for residents into her own account.

The Honorable Judge Michael Ryan of the Superior Court for the District of Columbia sentenced Williams and imposed a 360-day suspended sentence for the financial exploitation of a vulnerable adult or elderly person. Williams was placed on 3 years of probation, ordered to pay \$7,421 in restitution, and ordered to perform 100 hours of community service.

In announcing the sentence, Inspector General Lucas and U.S. Attorney Graves commended the work of those who investigated and prosecuted the case from the Office of the Inspector General's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, and the Major Crimes Section of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia. They also acknowledged the efforts of Special Assistant United States Attorney Jason Facci, on detail from the Office of the Inspector General, who prosecuted the case, and Special Agent Jonathan Rich, who investigated. They also recognized the work of the Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia, which initiated this case.

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