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Former Caregiver is Sentenced for Abuse

WASHINGTON – Kevin R. Terrell, 28, a former employee of Total Care Services, Inc., a residential provider for persons with developmental disabilities, has been sentenced for abusing a vulnerable person in his care, U.S. Attorney Ronald C. Machen, Jr. and District of Columbia Inspector General Charles J. Willoughby announced today.

Terrell, of Falls Church, Virginia, was found guilty on July 15, 2011, of criminal abuse of a vulnerable adult after a trial before the Honorable Marisa Demeo in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. On July 21, 2011, the judge sentenced Terrell to the statutory maximum penalty, 180 days in jail, barred him from working with vulnerable adults, and ordered him to pay \$50 towards the Victims of Violent Crime Compensation Act fund.

At the sentencing hearing, Judge Demeo stated that Terrell “took advantage of the situation and the vulnerability of the victim.” She further commented that “while the resulting physical injuries may not have been significant, the resulting emotional harm to the victim is greater than one could ever imagine.”

According to testimony at trial, the incident took place August 5, 2010 at an apartment in the District of Columbia that is operated by Total Care Services. Terrell accused the victim of stealing a DVD. The victim denied taking the movie and Terrell ordered him to go to his bedroom. After the victim refused, Terrell grabbed him by his arm and began pulling him down the hallway. The victim fell to the ground, and Terrell dragged him to the bedroom, causing him to hit his head on a wall and sustain an injury to the back of his neck.

In announcing the sentence, U.S. Attorney Machen and Inspector General Willoughby praised the work of investigator Shante M. McGee of the Office of Inspector General Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU). They also commended the efforts of Assistant U.S. Attorney Allen O’Rourke and Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Dominick J. Muracco of the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, who jointly prosecuted the case.

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