

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT PALMER

STATE OF ALASKA,)	
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Plaintiff,)	
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vs.)	
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PAULA LEA WIDENER,)	
AKA: PAULA L. WIDENER, PAULA L.)	
WEBLEY, PAULA L. WHELESS, PAULA)	
LEA WEBLEY, PAULA WEBLEY, PAULA)	
LEA WEBLEU)	
DOB: 1/24/1952)	
APSIN ID: 0312394)	
DMV NO. 0312394 AK)	
ATN: 107-504-784)	Case No. 3PA-13- CR.
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JAHNAY L. WIDENER,)	
DOB: 9/20/1985)	
APSIN ID: 7211609)	
DMV NO. 7134945 AK)	
ATN: 107-504-766)	Case No. 3PA-13- CR.
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JUDY ANN DEARMAN,)	
AKA: JUDY ANN GRAYSON, JUDY A.)	
DEARMAN)	
DOB: 8/2/1958)	
APSIN ID: 6682204)	
DMV NO. 6682204 AK)	
ATN: 107-504-775)	Case No. 3PA-13- CR.
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Defendants.)	
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INFORMATION

<p>I certify this document and its attachments do not contain the (1) name of a victim of a sexual offense listed in AS 12.61.140 or (2) residence or business address or telephone number of a victim of or witness to any offense unless it is an address identifying the place of a crime or an address or telephone number in a transcript of a court proceeding and disclosure of the information was ordered by the court.</p> <p>The following counts charge a crime involving DOMESTIC VIOLENCE as defined in AS 18.66.990:</p>

Count I - AS 47.05.210(a)(1)
Medical Assistance Fraud
Paula Lea Widener - 001
Jahnay L. Widener - 001
Judy Ann Dearman - 001

Count II - AS 47.05.210(a)(5)
Medical Assistance Fraud
Jahnay L. Widener - 002
Judy Ann Dearman - 002
Paula Lea Widener - 002

Count III - AS 47.05.210(a)(1)
Medical Assistance Fraud
Paula Lea Widener - 003

Count IV - AS 47.05.210(a)(5)
Medical Assistance Fraud
Paula Lea Widener - 004

Count V - AS 47.05.210(a)(1)
Medical Assistance Fraud
Judy Ann Dearman - 003

Count VI - AS 47.05.210(a)(5)
Medical Assistance Fraud
Judy Ann Dearman - 004

THE OFFICE OF SPECIAL PROSECUTIONS AND APPEALS CHARGES:

Count I

That on or about July1, 2010 through July 31, 2010, at or near Palmer in the Third Judicial District, State of Alaska, PAULA LEA WIDENER, JUDY ANN DEARMAN, and JAHNAY L. WIDENER, knowingly submitted or authorized the submission of a claim to a medical assistance agency for property, services, or a benefit with reckless disregard that the claimant is not entitled to the property, services, or benefit.

All of which is a class C felony offense being contrary to and in violation of AS 47.05.210(a)(1) and against the peace and dignity of the State of Alaska.

Count II

That on or about July 1, 2010 through July 31, 2010, at or near Palmer in the Third Judicial District, State of Alaska, PAULA LEA WIDENER, JUDY ANN DEARMAN, and JAHNAY L. WIDENER, knowingly made a false entry or falsely altered a medical assistance record.

All of which is a class A misdemeanor offense being contrary to and in violation of AS 47.05.210(a)(5) and against the peace and dignity of the State of Alaska.

Count III

That on or about December 7, 2008 through June 18, 2012, at or near Palmer in the Third Judicial District, State of Alaska, PAULA LEA WIDENER, knowingly submitted or authorized the submission of a claim to a medical assistance agency for property, services, or a benefit with reckless disregard that the claimant is not entitled to the property, services, or benefit.

All of which is a class C felony offense being contrary to and in violation of AS 47.05.210(a)(1) and against the peace and dignity of the State of Alaska.

Count IV

That on or about That on or about December 7, 2008 through June 18, 2012, at or near Palmer in the Third Judicial District, State of Alaska, PAULA LEA WIDENER, knowingly made a false entry or falsely altered a medical assistance record.

All of which is a class A misdemeanor offense being contrary to and in violation of AS 47.05.210(a)(5) and against the peace and dignity of the State of Alaska.

Count V

That on or about December 2008 through August 2011, at or near Palmer in the Third Judicial District, State of Alaska, JUDY ANN DEARMAN, knowingly submitted or authorized the submission of a claim to a medical assistance agency for property, services, or a benefit with reckless disregard that the claimant is not entitled to the property, services, or benefit.

All of which is a class C felony offense being contrary to and in violation of AS 47.05.210(a)(1) and against the peace and dignity of the State of Alaska.

Count VI

That on or about December 2008 through August 2011, at or near Palmer in the Third Judicial District, State of Alaska, JUDY ANN DEARMAN, knowingly made a false entry or falsely altered a medical assistance record.

All of which is a class A misdemeanor offense being contrary to and in violation of AS 47.05.210(a)(5) and against the peace and dignity of the State of Alaska.

Probable Cause:

The undersigned swears under oath this Information is based upon a review of investigative reports submitted to date. In August 2010, Access Alaska employee Linda Kiggins contacted the Department of Law, Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) to report that her company received a complaint from Medicaid recipient Ferman Strickland's care coordinator Donald Henry. Mr. Henry reported that recipient Strickland was concerned that his personal care assistants (PCAs) Judy Dearman, Paula Widener, and Jahnay Widener were regularly not showing up and/or showing up late to provide services and that Strickland was concerned that the PCAs were billing Medicaid for time not worked.

Access Alaska provided MFCU with records, including a July 2010 calendar log kept by Ferman Strickland's neighbors, Clara K and Burleigh Whitney for July 2010. The calendar log indicated the arrival and departure times for PCAs Paula Widener, Jahnay Widener and Judy Dearman at Ferman Strickland's home. Strickland's neighbor, Burleigh Whitney also videotaped the arrival and departure times of Strickland's PCAs from July 5-12, 2010 at his residence in Wasilla where the PCA services were supposed to be provided.

A review of the calendar log and video tapes provided to MFCU revealed that Paula Widener only provided 63.75 hours of service to Strickland, but attempted to bill Medicaid for 122.75 hours resulting in an attempt to bill Medicaid for \$1,074.06 for services not rendered. Paula Widener admitted during an in-person interview that she

billed but failed to provide for Ferman Strickland on at least 24 occasions. Alaska law provides that a person commits the crime of medical assistance fraud by knowingly submitting a claim to a medical assistance agency with a reckless disregard that the claimant is not entitled to the property, services or benefit. See AS 47.05.210(a)(1). Alaska law also provides that a person commits the crime of medical assistance fraud by knowingly making a false entry in or altering a medical assistance record. See AS 47.05.210(a)(5).

A review of the calendar log and video tapes further revealed that Jahnay Widener only provided 15.75 hours of PCA and chore services, but billed for 55.75 hours resulting in an attempt to bill Medicaid for an additional \$555.06 in services not rendered. Judy Dearman only provided 30 hours of PCA and respite services, but billed for 65 hours of services resulting in an additional \$579.24 in services not rendered. The MFCU investigation further revealed that Paula Widener worked for four different agencies in the Wasilla area simultaneously from December 7, 2008 – June 18, 2012. Timesheets submitted by her to the various agencies documented overlapping times of service for PCA, chore and respite services she provided for various clients resulting in a loss to Medicaid of \$4,070.33.

Judy Dearman also worked for three different Medicaid agencies simultaneously from December 2008 through August 2011. The timesheets submitted by Dearman revealed that she was billing for overlapping times for PCA, Chore and respite services for a total Medicaid loss of \$662.83.

Bail Information: Jaynay Leann Widener

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Dated at Anchorage, Alaska, this ____ day of March, 2013.

MICHAEL C. GERAGHTY
ATTORNEY GENERAL

By: _____
A. Andrew Peterson
Assistant Attorney General
Alaska Bar No. 0601002

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this ____ day of
April 2013, at Anchorage, Alaska.

Notary Public in and for Alaska
My Commission Expires: End of Hire