

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

STATE OF ALASKA,)
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 Plaintiff,)
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 vs.)
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 TAPUNI M. SIU,)
 DOB: 11/7/1969)
 APSIN ID: 7380152)
 DMV NO. 7260090 AK)
 ATN: 107-504-694)
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 Defendant.)
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 Case No. 3AN-13- CR.

INFORMATION

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.

The following counts charge a crime involving DOMESTIC VIOLENCE as defined in AS 18.66.990:

Count I - AS 47.05.210(a)(1) Fel C
Medical Assistance Fraud
Tapuni M. Siu - 001

Count II - AS 47.05.210(a)(5) Mis A
Medical Assistance Fraud
Tapuni M. Siu - 002

THE OFFICE OF SPECIAL PROSECUTIONS AND APPEALS CHARGES:

Count I

That on or about January 2012 through March 2013, at or near Anchorage in the Third Judicial District, State of Alaska, TAPUNI M. SIU, 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 January 2012 through March 2013, at or near Anchorage in the Third Judicial District, State of Alaska, TAPUNI M. SIU, 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 Statement:

The undersigned swears under oath this Information is based upon a review of the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) investigative report submitted to date.

Department of Public Assistance Investigator Dean Rogers contacted the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) that a welfare recipient appeared to be receiving personal care assistance (PCA) services from his spouse Tapuni Siu. Alaska Medicaid regulations provide that an individual may not provide PCA or waiver (chore or respite) services to an immediate family member such as a spouse. Tapuni Siu initially told Investigator Rogers that she was only receiving compensation for one person and did not know the other recipients receiving services from Medicaid under her provider number. A check of Tapuni Siu's file revealed that she was related to all of the people.

A MFCU investigation revealed that Tapuni Siu traveled out of the country on May 4, 2012 through May 11, 2012, and again on March 4, 2013 through April 2, 2013. Siu's recipients did not travel with her, but she submitted timesheets and billed Medicaid for PCA services during the time she was absent from the country. Between May 4, 2012 through May 11, 2012, Siu billed Medicaid for providing PCA services to two different Medicaid recipients resulting in Medicaid paying \$2,829.76 for services that were never provided. Between March 4, 2013 through April 2, 2013, Siu

billed Medicaid for providing PCA services to three different Medicaid recipients resulting in Medicaid paying \$757.90 for services that were never provided.

A review of Siu's timesheets revealed that she stopped billing Medicaid for PCA services provided to E.K. after Siu and E.K. were married. Siu, however, continued to bill Medicaid for chore, respite and transportation services for E.K. from December 12, 2012 through February 25, 2013 in violation of Medicaid regulations. Siu was able to bill Medicaid for providing waiver services to E.K. unnoticed by the Department of Health and Social Services as chore, respite and transportation providers are not individually enrolled providers. The service was billed by the PCA agency Good Faith and thus DHSS was unaware that Siu was providing services to a spouse. The total amount of services billed by Siu after her marriage to E.K. totaled \$7,369.72. In total, Siu billed Medicaid \$10,346.02 for services that were never provided.

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

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