

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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MARY GRACE ARANA)
aka: MARY MACAPINLAC ARANA,)
DOB: 12/6/1983)
APSIN ID: 7258839)
DMV NO. 7171649 AK)
ATN: 113-374-314)
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Defendant.)
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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: NONE

Count I - AS 47.05.210(a)(1)Fel C
Medical Assistance Fraud
Mary Grace Arana - 001

Count II - AS 47.05.210(a)(5)
Medical Assistance Fraud
Mary Grace Arana - 002

THE OFFICE OF SPECIAL PROSECUTIONS AND APPEALS CHARGES:

Count I

That on or about January, 2012 through December 2012, at or near Anchorage in the Third Judicial District, State of Alaska, MARY GRACE ARANA, 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) Fel C and against the peace and dignity of the State of Alaska.

Count II

That on or about January, 2012 through December, 2012, at or near Anchorage in the Third Judicial District, State of Alaska, MARY GRACE ARANA, 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.

On February 4, 2013, Senior and Disability Services, Health Program Manager/Investigator James Drayton contacted the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) to report that his office received an anonymous report of Medicaid fraud. Drayton indicated that the report alleged that Medicaid recipients Jose & Erlinda Arana were watching the personal care attendant's (PCA) children and not receiving the care that Medicaid was paying the PCA to provide. A review of Medicaid billing information revealed that the PCA was Mary Grace Arana, the recipients' daughter.

PCAs are home based healthcare providers that the Alaska Medicaid Program pays to provide services which will allow Medicaid recipients to stay in their home rather than be placed in a nursing home type setting. Medicaid recipients are evaluated for their needs and a PCA is then hired by the recipient to provide those needs in the recipient's home. The PCA fills out a timesheet for the work done and submits it to a PCA agency that in turn bills Medicaid. Medicaid pays approximately \$24 an hour to the agency and the agency must pay the PCA at least half of that amount.

The investigation by MFCU revealed that Mary Grace Arana billed Medicaid for providing PCA services from December 5, 2012 through December 8, 2012 while she was hospitalized for a C-section. The investigation further revealed that from January 1, 2012 through October 27, 2012 that Mary Grace Arana was working at both the Military Deli and Bakery on base and Arctic Care Services during hours that she claimed to be providing PCA services to her parents. All of the timesheets submitted were signed the recipients' power of attorney, Jerneille Arana, Mary Grace Arana's husband.

Mary Grace Arana was interviewed on August 28, 2013. Mary Grace admitted to knowingly submitting timesheets and getting paid for performing PCA services while she was in the hospital. Mary Grace claimed that she thought it was ok if someone else provided the services. She further offered to pay back the money received from Medicaid. Medicaid paid a total of \$693.77 for services she claimed to be performing while hospitalized.

Mary Grace was asked about the overlapping times she claimed to be providing PCA services when she was actually working at another job. Mary Grace claimed that she provided the services when she came home from work. When asked how she could care for two Medicaid recipients and four children simultaneously Mary Grace alleged that she received help from a sister with the kids and further admitted to not providing all of the services she claimed to perform on the timesheets submitted. Medicaid was billed a total of \$6,919.04 for services Mary Grace claimed to be providing when she was actually working at another job.

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
January 2014, at Anchorage, Alaska.

Notary Public in and for Alaska
My Commission Expires with Office