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Former day care teacher sentenced
for assaulting day program client

Washington, D.C. - A former day care teacher, Dorothy Louise Paul, has been sentenced to 180 days in prison, with all but five days suspended, for assaulting a client of a day program for mentally retarded and developmentally disabled persons in 2005, U.S. Attorney Jeffrey A. Taylor and District of Columbia Inspector General Charles J. Willoughby announced today.

Paul, 51, of Washington, D.C., was sentenced in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia on Monday, October 30, 2006, before the Honorable Linda Turner, who also placed the defendant on three years of probation, imposed a \$100 fine and ordered the defendant not to be around children, the elderly, and vulnerable adults without supervision. Paul pled guilty to simple assault on October 3, 2006.

According to the government's evidence, on September 23, 2005, the victim attended a parenting skills class at PSI Services III, Inc., located in Southeast Washington, D.C. At the time of the assault, Paul worked as a day care teacher at PSI. While in the day care center at PSI, Paul confronted the victim after she refused to obey Paul's instructions, which led to the assault. Paul attacked the victim, pushing her onto the floor and while on top of her, choked and repeatedly hit the victim. Paul also kicked the victim in the back as she fell to the ground.

In announcing the conviction and sentence, U.S. Attorney Taylor and Inspector General Willoughby praised the work of Special Agents Yolanda Brooks and Arkieva Smith of the Office of the Inspector General Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) for

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their investigation of the assault. Mr. Taylor and Mr. Willoughby also commended the work of Assistant U.S. Attorney Keith Becker and Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Dangkhua Nguyen of the MFCU, who jointly prosecuted the case.

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