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Group home counselor convicted and sentenced for criminal abuse of a group home resident

Washington, D.C. - A residential counselor, Mary L. Bradley, has been sentenced to 180 days in prison, with all but 30 days suspended, after being found guilty of criminal abuse of a group home resident in her care, U.S. Attorney Jeffrey A. Taylor and District of Columbia Inspector General Charles J. Willoughby announced today.

Bradley, 55, of the 4200 block of East Capitol Street, SE, Washington, D.C., was found guilty and sentenced in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia on Thursday, May 24, 2007, following a non-jury trial before the Honorable Jeanette Clark. Bradley was also sentenced to two years of probation, ordered to stay away from the victim, all group homes operated by Careco, Inc., to not work with any vulnerable adults, complete anger management courses, and to pay \$50 towards the Victims of Violent Crime compensation fund.

According to the government's evidence at trial, on July 19, 2006,

the victim was a resident of a group home for mentally retarded and developmentally disabled persons located in Northeast Washington, D.C. On that day, the defendant was assigned to assist feeding the victim her dinner. During dinner time, defendant's co-workers heard a loud slap coming from the direction of the defendant. Both co-workers observed that the victim's cheek was red shortly after hearing the slap. The defendant's supervisor confronted the defendant the following day immediately after the abuse was reported, and defendant admitted to hitting the resident.

In announcing the conviction and sentence, U.S. Attorney Taylor and Inspector General Willoughby praised the work of Special Agent Yolanda Brooks of the Office of the Inspector General Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) for her investigation of the criminal abuse. Mr. Taylor and Mr. Willoughby also commended the work of Assistant U.S. Attorney Sean Tonolli and Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Dangkhua Nguyen of the MFCU, who jointly prosecuted the case.

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