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Medicaid Transportation Provider Sentenced for Health Care Fraud

Washington, DC - The owner of a Virginia business that provided van transportation services to participants in the District of Columbia Medicaid program was sentenced in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia announced FBI Washington Field Office Assistant Director in Charge Joseph Persichini, Jr., HHS Inspector General Daniel R. Levinson and the District of Columbia Inspector General Charles J. Willoughby. The matter was jointly investigated by the FBI, HHS OIG Investigations Division and the DC OIG Medicaid Fraud Control Unit and prosecuted by the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Virginia.

Nadir Mustafa Salih, of Centreville, Virginia, the owner, president, and treasurer of NMS Transit Services pled guilty to one count of Health Care Fraud in May 2007, and was sentenced on September 7, 2007 to 12 months and 1 day in jail, ordered to pay \$136,430 of restitution within 60 days after release from jail and 3 years of supervised probation upon release.

According to the government's evidence, between approximately July 2003 and May 2006, Salih billed the D.C. Medicaid program \$140,550 for non-emergency transportation services that were not provided to nine D.C. Medicaid recipients. Some bills were submitted for recipients after they were deceased.

In announcing the conviction and sentence, Assistant Director in Charge Persichini, Inspector General Levinson and Inspector General Willoughby praised the work of FBI Special Agent James J. Markovich, HHS Special Agent Cindy Sheedy, and Investigator Yolanda Brooks and Auditor Richard Hunt of the Office of the Inspector General, Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, for their work on this investigation. Also commended was the work of Assistant U.S. Attorney Thomas McQuillan who prosecuted the case.

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