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FORMER TRANSPORTATION DRIVER SENTENCED FOR SEXUAL ABUSE OF A VULNERABLE ADULT

WASHINGTON - A 54-year-old former transportation driver, Jefferson Weeden, has been sentenced to 20 days in jail for his sexual abuse of a vulnerable adult whom he was responsible for transporting in 2007, U.S. Attorney Jeffrey A. Taylor and District of Columbia Inspector General Charles J. Willoughby announced today.

Weeden received his sentence on June 4, 2008, in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia by the Honorable Neal E. Kravitz in connection with his non-consensual touching of the vulnerable adult. Weeden pleaded guilty to one count of Misdemeanor Sexual Abuse in November 2007.

Weeden worked as a driver for a transportation company, and the vulnerable adult was in his care while he transported her to a day program for adults with cognitive challenges. In February 2007, after picking the woman up at her home, Weeden took her to his apartment in Northwest Washington, D.C., showed her a pornographic video and sexually assaulted her. He then drove her to her day program. Several days later, the woman informed staff at her day program about what Weeden had done to her, which was subsequently reported to the D.C. Office of the Inspector General, Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU). Citing the egregious breach of public trust, Judge Kravitz ordered Weeden to serve 20 days in jail.

In announcing the conviction and sentence, U.S. Attorney Taylor and Inspector General Willoughby praised the work of former Medicaid Fraud Control Unit Criminal Investigator Vantresse McMillan and Investigative Assistant Victor Richardson for their investigation. Mr. Taylor and Mr. Willoughby also commended Assistant U.S. Attorney Denise A. Simmonds and MFCU Director Susan Bieber Kennedy for their prosecution of the case.

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