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**Former employee of residential provider is convicted and sentenced
for criminal abuse**

Washington, D.C. – Chukwudi M. Ajumobi, a former employee of National Children’s Center, a District of Columbia residential provider for persons with mental retardation and developmental disabilities, has been sentenced for criminal abuse of a vulnerable adult, Acting U.S. Attorney Channing D. Phillips and District of Columbia Inspector General Charles J. Willoughby announced today.

Ajumobi, age 37, of Hyattsville, MD, was found guilty of criminal abuse of a vulnerable adult and sentenced on September 17, 2009, in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia before the Honorable Florence Pan. Judge Pan sentenced Defendant to 30 days in prison with all days suspended, and 1 year of supervised probation. The terms of probation included a fine of \$500 and 40 hours of community service. Additionally, the Court ordered Ajumobi could not work with the vulnerable population, and to pay \$50 to the Victims of Violent Crime Compensation fund.

According to testimony at trial, on May 20, 2008, the victim resided in a facility operated by National Children’s Center. A witness saw Defendant hitting the victim. The non-verbal victim immediately raised his hands to his face and began to bite his nails. Another person in the room denied seeing the abuse.

In announcing the conviction and sentence, Acting U.S. Attorney Phillips and Inspector General Willoughby praised the work of Investigator Shante McGee of the Office of the Inspector General Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) for her investigation of the criminal abuse. Mr. Phillips and Mr. Willoughby also commended the work of Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Jacqueline N. Schesnol of the MFCU, who prosecuted the case.