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

Washington, D.C. – A former counselor at National Children’s Center, Inc. (NCC), a residential provider for individuals with developmental disabilities, was found guilty and sentenced for neglect of two vulnerable adults, aged 21 and 22, Acting U.S. Attorney Channing D. Phillips and District of Columbia Inspector General Charles J. Willoughby announced today.

On August 19, 2009, Jeneyne Harris, 23, of Washington D.C., was convicted of two counts of Criminal Negligence in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia before the Honorable Anthony C. Epstein. Judge Epstein sentenced Harris to 21 days in prison for each count, all suspended, and one year of supervised probation for each count, to run concurrently. She was ordered to pay \$250 to the Victims of Violent Crime Compensation Fund.

According to the government's evidence, on January 19, 2008, the defendant was employed as a residential counselor with responsibility for caring for vulnerable adults and children diagnosed with mental retardation. The defendant allowed two of the individuals under her care to drive an NCC-owned car, an accident resulted and a passenger in the car was injured. The defendant then filed both a false incident report with her employer and a false police report regarding the accident.

In announcing the conviction and sentence, Acting U.S. Attorney Channing D. Phillips and Inspector General Willoughby praised the work of Criminal Investigators Shante McGee and Arkieva Smith of the Office of the Inspector General Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) for their investigation of the matter. Mr. Phillips and Mr. Willoughby also commended Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Amy Tryon and Attorney Jennifer Krochmal of the MFCU who jointly prosecuted the case.