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FORMER CAREGIVER IS SENTENCED FOR CRIMINAL ABUSE OF A VULNERABLE ADULT AND ASSAULT

Washington, D.C. – Annette Holloman, a former employee of RCM of Washington, Inc. (RCM), a District of Columbia residential provider for persons with cognitive disabilities, was sentenced for criminal abuse and assaulting a vulnerable person in her care, United States Attorney Ronald C. Machen, Jr. and District of Columbia Inspector General Charles J. Willoughby announced today.

Holloman, age 47, of Washington, D.C., was found guilty in October 2010 of two counts of Criminal Abuse of a Vulnerable Adult and two counts of Assault after a trial before the Honorable Anthony Epstein in District of Columbia Superior Court. On January 10, 2011, Judge Epstein sentenced the defendant to 60 days in prison, with all but 7 days suspended, and 12 months supervised probation. Additionally, the Court ordered her to pay \$100 towards the Victims of Violent Crime Compensation Act fund.

According to testimony at trial, on December 21, 2008, Holloman was caring for an adult with cognitive disabilities. Another caretaker in the facility witnessed Holloman hit the victim on the back of his head and neck with the buckle end of a belt. Holloman also hit the victim on the back of his hand and on his ribs with an exercise hand grip. Additionally, Holloman stomped on the victim's foot while she was wearing hard-soled shoes.

In announcing the conviction, U.S. Attorney Machen and Inspector General Willoughby praised the work of Investigator Allen Johnson and former Patient Abuse Investigator Jonathan Rich of the District of Columbia's Office of the Inspector General Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) for their investigation of the crime and Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Jacqueline N. Schesmol of the MFCU, who directed their investigation. Mr. Machen and Mr. Willoughby also commended the work of Assistant U.S. Attorney Edward A. O'Connell who prosecuted the case.