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FORMER CAREGIVER IS SENTENCED FOR ABUSE

WASHINGTON – William Folefac, 40, a former employee of Capitol Hill Supportive Services, a District of Columbia services provider for persons with developmental disabilities, has been sentenced for criminal abuse of a vulnerable person in his care, U.S. Attorney Ronald C. Machen, Jr. and District of Columbia Inspector General Charles J. Willoughby announced today.

Folefac, a Riverdale, Maryland resident, was found guilty on January 22, 2013, of one count of Criminal Abuse by the Honorable Juliet J. McKenna in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. Judge McKenna sentenced Folefac to 180 days, suspended, and 12 months of probation. Judge McKenna also ordered him to pay \$100 towards the Victims of Violent Crime Compensation Act Fund.

According to the government's evidence, on July 15, 2011, Folefac was the caregiver for a 48 year old male with significant cognitive and developmental disabilities. Folefac attempted to stop the male from tearing magazines, who flailed his arms towards Folefac causing Folefac to back away. A witness testified that Folefac subsequently took a "fight-like" stance and, despite witnesses' verbal warnings to refrain from further action, Folefac punched the male in the face.

In announcing the sentence, U.S. Attorney Machen and Inspector General Willoughby praised the work of investigator Danna Levinson of the Office of Inspector General Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU). They also commended the work of Assistant U.S. Attorney Damien Diggs and Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Dominick J. Muracco of the MFCU who jointly prosecuted the case.