

1 IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA
2 THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT ANCHORAGE

3 STATE OF ALASKA,

4 Plaintiff,

5 vs.

6 PASPON SAM SENTEP

7 DOB: 01/03/1954

8 APSIN ID: 6743858

9 DMV NO.: 6743858 AK

ATN: 114356889

Case No. 3AN-15- CR.

10 MARY SENETHEP

11 DOB: 08/05/1960

12 APSIN ID: 6735117

13 DMV NO.: 6735117 AK

ATN: 114356898

14 Defendants.

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15 INFORMATION

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17 I certify this document and its attachments do not contain the (1) name of a victim of a sexual offense listed in AS 12.61.140 or (2)
18 residence or business address or telephone number of a victim of or witness to any offense unless it is an address identifying the place of a
crime or an address or telephone number in a transcript of a court proceeding and disclosure of the information was ordered by the court.

19 The following counts charge a crime involving DOMESTIC VIOLENCE as defined in AS 18.66.990:

20 Count I - AS 47.05.210(a)(1)

Medical Assistance Fraud

21 Paspon Sam Sentep - 001

Mary Senethep - 001

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23 Count II - AS 47.05.210(a)(5)

Medical Assistance Fraud

24 Paspon Sam Sentep - 002

25 Mary Senethep - 002
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1 THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL CHARGES:

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3 COUNT I:

4 That in the Third Judicial District, State of Alaska, on or about September 27,
5 2010 and June 21, 2014, at or near, PASPON SAM SENTEP AND MARY SENETHEP,
6 knowingly submitted or authorized the submission of a claim to a medical assistance
7 agency for property, services, or a benefit with reckless disregard that the claimant is not
8 entitled to the property, services, or benefit.

9 All of which is a Felony class B offense being contrary to and in violation of
10 47.05.210(a)(1) and against the peace and dignity of the State of Alaska.

11 COUNT II:

12 That in the Third Judicial District, State of Alaska, on or between September 27,
13 2010 and June 21, 2014, at or near Anchorage, PASPON SAM SENTEP AND MARY
14 SENETHEP, knowingly made a false entry or falsely altered a medical assistance record.

15 All of which is a Misdemeanor class A offense being contrary to and in violation
16 of 47.05.210(a)(5) and against the peace and dignity of the State of Alaska.

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18 The undersigned swears under oath this Information is based upon a review of
19 investigative report submitted to date.

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21 The Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) received a fraud referral via fax
22 anonymously reporting that Paspon Sentep was billing Medicaid for personal care
23 assistance (PCA) services that were not being provided. The MFCU investigation
24 revealed that Paspon Sentep and Mary Senethep were billing Medicaid for services that
25 were not provided. Specifically, the investigation revealed that services were not being
26 provided due to the PCAs travelling internationally without the recipient, the recipient
27 was in jail, hospitalized or the PCA was billing for providing services to multiple

1 recipients simultaneously. The total fraud associated with this case is in excess of
2 \$54,000 in Medicaid billing for services that were not provided.

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4 PCAs are enrolled in Medicaid as home based healthcare providers. The Alaska
5 Medicaid Program pays PCAs to provide services of daily living to Medicaid recipients,
6 which will allow Medicaid recipients to stay in their home rather than be placed in an
7 assisted living home type setting. Medicaid recipients are evaluated for medical needs by
8 an employee of DHSS and the recipient is then authorized to hire a PCA to provide home
9 based healthcare services. The PCA fills out a timesheet for the work done and submits it
10 to a PCA agency that in turn bills Medicaid. Medicaid pays approximately \$24 an hour to
11 the agency and the agency must pay the PCA at least half of that amount.

12 Investigator Paakki requested international travel information on Paspon Sentep
13 and learned that he traveled internationally four times between September 27, 2010 and
14 November 28, 2012. A review of Paspon's Medicaid billing data revealed that he billed
15 Medicaid during each of his for trips for a total of \$17,741.19 in fraudulent billing.
16 Immigration and Custom's Enforcement records reveal that Paspon travelled
17 internationally from September 27, 2010 through October 26, 2010. During this period
18 of time, Paspon claimed to be providing PCA services to Medicaid recipient B.P. and
19 S.S. Specifically, Paspon claimed that he was assisting the recipients with mobility,
20 dressing, bathing, using the toilet, meal preparation, laundry and grooming. Paystubs
21 indicate that Paspon was paid for the hours he claimed on the timesheets and the
22 timesheets were signed by his spouse, Mary Senethep as the recipient's power of attorney
23 attesting that the alleged services were provided. Medicaid was billed a total of
24 \$6,843.30 for this trip.

25 Alaska law provides that, "except as otherwise provided by law ... a person may
26 not be prosecuted ... for an offense unless the ... information or complaint is instituted
27 not later than ... five years after the commission of [the offense]." AS 12.10.010(b)(2).

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1 This specific time limitation, however, is extended in cases where the defendant is being
2 prosecuted for a crime involving an element of fraud. Under these circumstances, the
3 prosecution may be commenced within one year of discovery of the offense as long as
4 the statute of limitations is not extended beyond three years. See AS 12.10.020(a).

5 Immigration and Custom's Enforcement records reveal that Paspon next
6 travelled internationally from November 3, 2011 through December 2, 2011. During this
7 period of time, Paspon claimed to be providing PCA services to B.P. by assisting with
8 mobility, dressing, bathing, using the toilet meal preparation, laundry and grooming. In
9 addition, Paspon claimed to be providing 10 hours a week of respite services to B.P. for
10 cleaning, running errands, companionship, watching tv and listening to music. Alaska
11 Administrative Regulations prohibit the primary caregiver from also being the respite
12 worker as respite services are designed to give the primary PCA a break. See 7AAC
13 130.280(b)(1). Paystubs confirmed that Paspon was paid for the hours he claimed on the
14 timesheets and the timesheets were again signed by Mary as the recipient's power of
15 attorney attesting that the alleged services were provided. Medicaid was billed a total of
16 \$4,236.77 for this trip.

17 Immigration and Custom's Enforcement records reveal that Paspon next
18 travelled internationally from April 27, 2012 through April 29, 2012. During this period
19 of time, Paspon again claimed to be providing respite services to B.P. Paspon also
20 claimed to be providing PCA services to recipient P.X. with moving about the home,
21 takin medication, transferring, dressing, toileting, shopping, laundry and light
22 housework. Paystubs again confirm that Paspon was paid for the services he claimed to
23 be providing and his wife Mary signed the timesheets as the power of attorney for the
24 recipients. Medicaid was billed a total of \$341.40 for this trip.

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26 Immigration and Custom's Enforcement records reveal that Paspon next
27 travelled internationally from October 29, 2011 through November 28, 2011. During this

1 period of time, Paspon claimed to be providing PCA and chore services to T.X. as well as
2 PCA services to recipient D.P. Paystubs again confirmed that Paspon was paid for the
3 hours he claimed on the timesheets and the timesheets were again signed by Mary as the
4 recipient's power of attorney attesting that the alleged services were provided. Medicaid
5 was billed a total of \$6,319.72 for this trip.

6 Incarceration records revealed that recipient B.P. was arrested on two different
7 occasions. First, B.P. was arrested on June 28, 2011 and remained in custody until July
8 20, 2011 for failing to register as a sex offender. Second, B.P. was arrested on March 23,
9 2012 and remained in custody until May 21, 2012, again for failing to register as a sex
10 offender. Medicaid records revealed that Paspon billed Medicaid for providing PCA
11 services to B.P. during the times that he was incarcerated. In total, Medicaid paid
12 \$2,729.34 for Medicaid services that Paspon did not provide. Paspon also billed
13 Medicaid \$386.92 for services during times when recipient B.P. was hospitalized from
14 June 8-28, 2012 for \$386.92 in loss to Medicaid. Finally, Paspon submitted timesheets
15 with overlapping alleging that he was providing care simultaneously for two different
16 Medicaid recipients for a total loss of \$864.88. In all of the above cases, Mary signed the
17 timesheets as the power of attorney for the Medicaid recipients.

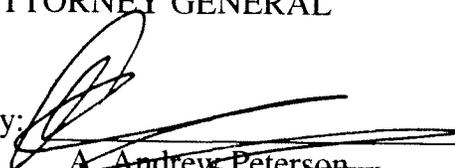
18 A review of PCA timesheets submitted by Mary Senethep revealed that she
19 traveled internationally on four different occasions between September 27, 2011 and
20 November 28, 2012. Mary billed Medicaid for seven different Medicaid recipients
21 during this time and claimed to be providing care for as many as five recipients a day. A
22 review of Mary's PCA timesheets revealed that she billed Medicaid a total of \$10,803.93
23 for Medicaid services she alleged to be providing while actually travelling
24 internationally. Paystubs indicate that Mary was paid for the hours she alleged to have
25 performed on the timesheets. In each of these cases, Pason signed the timesheets as the
26 power of attorney for the Medicaid recipient attesting that Mary actually provided the
27 services. In three of Mary's four trips, Mary and Pason were actually travelling together.

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Investigator Paakki compared the timesheets submitted by Mary for each of the seven Medicaid recipients. Many of the timesheets have no start or stop time in violation of Medicaid regulations. See 7AAC 125.120(a)(4). Mary also claimed to be a live-in PCA for three different recipients in addition to living with her husband Pason who was also claiming to live with a number of recipients. A review of timesheets submitted by Mary from January 28, 2011 through June 21, 2014 revealed that she billed Medicaid a total of \$23,268.24 for overlapping services. Paystubs indicate that Mary was paid for the overlapping services she claimed to be providing to two or more recipients simultaneously and a review of the timesheets revealed that Pason signed all of the timesheets as the power of attorney attesting that Mary provided the services claimed. In total, Pason and Mary caused Medicaid to pay in excess of \$54,000 for Medicaid services that were not provided.

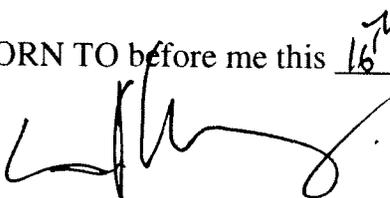
Dated at Anchorage, Alaska, this 16th day of June, 2015.

CRAIG W. RICHARDS
ATTORNEY GENERAL

By: 
~~A. Andrew Peterson~~
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Alaska Bar No. 0601002

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 16th day of June 2015, at Anchorage, Alaska.




Notary Public in and for Alaska
My Commission Expires: End of Hire