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## AG STRANGE ANNOUNCES INDICTMENT OF OWNER OF JEFFERSON COUNTY COUNSELING SERVICE FOR MEDICAID FRAUD

(MONTGOMERY)--Attorney General Luther Strange announced the arrest of Victor Paul Williams, 57, of Leeds, for filing false claims with the Alabama Medicaid Agency and theft of property in the first degree. Williams surrendered at the Montgomery County Detention Facility yesterday and was released on a \$10,000 bond.

The Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit presented evidence to a Montgomery County grand jury resulting in an indictment\* dated July 17 charging Williams with filing numerous false claims to the Alabama Medicaid Agency totaling over \$40,000. It is alleged that Williams perpetrated a scheme to bill the Alabama Medicaid Agency for counseling services that were never provided and then attempted to conceal the fraud by manipulating treatment records. Williams had several contractors providing the actual services; however, he was billing for far more services than these individuals were actually performing. When confronted, Williams attempted to manufacture paperwork to support the billings.

Medicaid fraud is an unclassified felony with a maximum possible prison sentence of five years. Theft of property in the first degree is a class B felony which carries a possible prison sentence of two to 20 years in the Department of Corrections.

Attorney General Strange commended his Medicaid Fraud Control Unit for its steadfast investigation of this case, as well as the Alabama Medicaid Agency's Program Integrity Unit, which referred the case for investigation and prosecution.

*\*An indictment is merely an accusation. The defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.*

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