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AG STRANGE ANNOUNCES ARREST OF CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT FOR THEFT, CREDIT CARD FRAUD

(MONTGOMERY)—Attorney General Luther Strange announced the arrest of a former employee of a Mobile nursing home for theft from a patient. Latrice Michelle Robinson, 42, of Mobile was arrested yesterday by Mobile County Sheriff's deputies.

The Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit presented evidence to a Mobile County grand jury resulting in an indictment* dated June 17 charging Robinson with one count of theft of property in the second degree and 14 counts of fraudulent use of a credit or debit card. It is alleged that Robinson, who was a certified nursing assistant at Sea Breeze Healthcare Center, used a patient's credit/debit card to steal more than $1,000 from the patient. The patient had given Robinson the credit/debit card to purchase snacks and supplies for his room. Over the course of the next two days, however, Robinson used the card 14 times to buy her own personal items, as well as several trips to the ATM for cash. She did not have the patient's permission to do any of this and a review of his bank statement alerted him to the theft almost immediately. The patient contacted Robinson to return his card. She had not bought any of the items he had requested. Robinson was immediately terminated by Sea Breeze administration and an investigation was initiated.

Theft of property in the second degree and fraudulent use of a credit card are class C felonies, which carry a possible prison sentence of a year and a day up to 10 years in the Department of Corrections.

Strange commended his Medicaid Fraud Control Unit for its investigation and Sea Breeze Healthcare Center for its assistance in the investigation.

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

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