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Attorney General Marshall Settles Lawsuit with Cullman Clinic for Administering Dangerous, Unapproved Weight Loss Drugs

(Montgomery, Ala.) - Attorney General Steve Marshall announced the state settled a lawsuit with Aurora IV and Wellness, a Cullman-based IV infusion clinic, and its owners, Amanda and Chris Medders. The settlement requires the Medderses to pay \$17,267.50 in damages to certain consumers who submitted complaints to the Attorney General, as well as \$7,000 in penalties and fees to the State. The agreement also permanently closes Aurora IV and Wellness and prohibits the Medderses from working in the healthcare industry in any capacity that involves the direct treatment of patients. Amanda Medders has also surrendered her nursing license to the Board of Nursing.

"Exploiting the need for medical GLP-1 weight-loss medication by using unapproved, research-grade chemicals on unsuspecting patients is an extremely reckless form of consumer deception," stated Attorney General Marshall. "This type of dangerous disregard for patient safety will not be tolerated in Alabama."

In November, the Attorney General announced a temporary restraining order against the business and owners after a lawsuit was filed for violations of Alabama's Deceptive Trade Practices Act that constituted serious threats to public health and safety. The State's investigation revealed that the defendants advertised their weight loss drugs - tirzepatide and semaglutide, both GLP-1 medications - as "pharmaceutical-grade." In reality, the defendants were providing patients with research-grade versions of those drugs that were not approved for human use. The manufacturer of the drugs dispensed by the defendants explicitly stated that the drugs were meant for laboratory research purposes only.

Attorney General Marshall thanked the Alabama Board of Nursing, the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners, and the Cullman Police Department for their assistance in the investigation and lawsuit.

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