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AHCA Announces 2017 Fraud Fighter Achievement Award Winner

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Today, the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) announced the selection of Chris M. Presley, a Law Enforcement Investigator in the Office of the Attorney General, as the winner of the 2017 Fraud Fighter Achievement Award. Mr. Presley uncovered an orchestrated Medicaid fraud scheme that billed the Agency nearly \$300,000 for services never rendered. The investigation resulted in the prosecution of Gregory Campbell and his codefendants, resulting in an order of \$460,000 in restitution and a 30-month prison sentence.

Secretary Justin Senior said, "The investigation conducted by Chris Presley serves as a reminder that anyone who attempts to defraud Florida's Medicaid program will be caught and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. Our Agency is incredibly thankful for his thorough investigation that exposed this fraud and protected the program. Mr. Presley's perseverance helps ensure that funding is available to pursue our mission of better health care for all Floridians."

The Agency's Office of Medicaid Program Integrity (MPI) initially discovered an overpayment that was under \$6,000 to a provider who insisted his business had been closed for years. The case was referred to the Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU), and during the course of his investigation Mr. Presley discovered that an identity theft had occurred, allowing Mr. Campbell to bill the Agency under a false name. Mr. Presley was able to confirm the identity theft with the IRS, leading to the charges levied against Mr. Campbell and his coconspirators.

The Fraud Fighter Achievement Award is issued in connection with Fraud Awareness Week (November 12-18), which was designated by Governor Rick Scott via an executive proclamation to encourage all Floridians to work together to combat fraud in the state. For more information about the award, including past winners, please visit the Agency's website at http://ahca.myflorida.com/Executive/Inspector General/Fraud Fighter Page.shtml,

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