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FELIX PROBE NETS FIRST CONVICTION

Attorney General Earl I. Anzai, announced today that the State's first Felix fraud indictment has resulted in a no-contest plea. Susan Puapuaga, a therapeutic aide who performed Felix consent decree contract work, pleaded no-contest to ten (10) counts of medical assistance fraud. Puapuaga will be sentenced in October.

Puapuaga submitted falsified records for therapeutic services she did not render. Ala Ka'i Na Keiki, a certified Felix consent decree service provider, billed the State for services based on Puapuaga's false records. In turn, Ala Ka'i Na Keiki paid Puapuaga a portion of the revenue it collected from the State based on her false records.

Attorney General Anzai says the investigation is accelerating, and that the department is actively pursuing more than two-dozen cases on Oahu and the neighbor islands.

Anzai encourages individuals with information about irregularities to contact the Attorney General's Office at 888-586-7080.

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