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Attorney General James Uthmeier Announces Arrest of Bay County Woman for Exploiting Elderly Pensacola Man

PENSACOLA, Fla.—Attorney General James Uthmeier’s Medicaid Fraud Control Unit today announced the arrest of Akimmia Lewis for financially exploiting a senior Escambia County man under her care.

“We will not tolerate those who take advantage of vulnerable Floridians for personal gain,” said **Attorney General James Uthmeier**. “Our office will continue to aggressively pursue criminals who abuse positions of trust and exploit the elderly.”

According to the investigation, Lewis abused her role as the victim’s power of attorney by systematically withdrawing funds directly from the victim’s bank account. Between Aug. 9, 2022, and Feb. 28, 2023, Lewis transferred approximately \$46,788.60 to her accounts and made cash withdrawals. Lewis did not use the money to benefit the victim, who was residing in a nursing facility at the time.

Lewis is charged with one count of Exploitation of an Elderly Person or Disabled Adult (under \$50,000), a second-degree felony punishable by up to 15 years in prison. The Attorney General’s Medicaid Fraud Control Unit will prosecute the case through an agreement with the State Attorney’s Office for the First Judicial Circuit.

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