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## **Florida Attorney General's Office News Release**

### **MFCU Makes Arrest for Defrauding Medicaid Program**



TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Attorney General Ashley Moody’s Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, with the assistance of the Pasco County Sheriff’s Office, today arrested a Pasco County resident for one count of Medicaid provider fraud. Pamela Anne Peterson, a transportation provider for Medicaid recipients, allegedly defrauded the Medicaid program out of more than \$15,000 by falsifying documents for services not rendered.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, “This fraudster logged countless falsified transportation trips for Medicaid recipients, ripping off more than \$15,000 of taxpayer funds to line her own pockets. While the trips provided to Medicaid recipients were false, she now faces a real trip to jail.”

According to an investigation conducted by MFCU, from July 4, 2017 through Dec. 1, 2018, Peterson provided non-emergency transportation services for Medicaid recipients, as authorized under the Medicaid program. While Peterson did drive a recipient to an appointment once a week, the defendant allegedly submitted transport logs claiming to drive the recipient more frequently, often once a day. Over a period of several months, Peterson submitted false logs for reimbursement and repeatedly cashed checks for services not rendered.

To view the redacted PCA, click [here](#).

Peterson is charged with one count of Medicaid provider fraud, a second-degree felony. If convicted, Peterson could face up to 15 years in prison and \$10,000 in fines. The Attorney General's Office of Statewide Prosecution will prosecute the case.