



PRESS RELEASE

AG Frosh: Caregiver Pleads Guilty to Neglect of a Vulnerable Adult

BALTIMORE, MD (September 15, 2016) - Maryland Attorney General Brian E. Frosh announced today that former assisted living owner Tammie Ardrella Crawford of Baltimore was sentenced to three years of incarceration, with all but 90 days suspended. Crawford pleaded guilty to one count of Neglect of a Vulnerable Adult for leaving a developmentally disabled man alone in the facility. Judge Charles Peters placed Crawford on three years of supervised probation and ordered that she be excluded from providing services under any federal health programs and from providing care to any vulnerable adults for five years. Crawford must also perform 100 hours of community service.

On March 20, 2015, officers of the Baltimore City Police Department and investigators from the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Office of Health Care Quality responded to the assisted living facility, located in the 4900 block of Nelson Avenue, a day after a search and seizure warrant was executed at the facility. Baltimore City Police Department officers requested the assistance of the Office of Health Care Quality based on the conditions officers had found during the execution of the warrant. On March 20th the officers and investigators found one of the residents locked in an upstairs bedroom, wearing only a urine-soaked diaper and t-shirt, lying in his bed. The resident was unable to communicate or ambulate and his care plan required constant supervision. Crawford, who was required to be present with the resident, was out of the facility and returned only when requested by the investigators from the Office of Health Care Quality.

Attorney General Frosh would like to thank Medicaid Fraud Unit Investigator James Hagin, Assistant Attorney General Catherine Schuster Pascale, the Office of Health Care Quality, the Baltimore City Police and the Maryland State Police for their work on this case.