



PRESS RELEASE

Caregiver Pleads Guilty to Neglect of a Vulnerable Adult

BALTIMORE, MD (July 27, 2016) - Maryland Attorney General Brian E. Frosh announced today that former assisted living owner Tammie Crawford of Baltimore pleaded guilty to one count of Neglect of a Vulnerable Adult for leaving a developmentally disabled man alone in the facility. Sentencing is scheduled in Baltimore City Circuit Court on September 12, 2016.

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. Baltimore Police Department officers had requested the assistance of the Office of Health Care Quality based on the conditions officers had found during the execution of a search and seizure warrant at the facility the previous day. 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 to 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 Police Department and the Maryland State Police for their work on this case.