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### **Prince George's County Man Sentenced in Insurance Fraud Scheme**

**BALTIMORE, MD (April 12, 2017)** - Maryland Attorney General Brian E. Frosh announced today that Gary Eugene Stewart, 51, of Bladensburg, MD, was sentenced on one count of felony theft scheme having a value of \$100,000 or more. Stewart previously pled guilty on September 6, 2016.

Stewart's theft scheme began in March 2011 and continued through November 2013. Stewart submitted numerous fraudulent insurance claims against his mother's long term care insurance policy, falsely alleging she was being cared for by private care givers. Stewart continued to submit fraudulent claims even after his mother's death. Gary Eugene Stewart stole a total of \$101,407 from Genworth Life Insurance Company.

On April 6, 2017, Prince George's Circuit Court Judge Daneeka V. Cotton sentenced Stewart to 5 years of incarceration suspending all but 18 months followed by 5 years of supervised probation and full restitution. Stewart paid \$60,000 in restitution at the time of sentencing and will pay the balance over the period of his probation.

"Those who steal money by filing false insurance claims victimize both the insurance carrier and every insurance consumer whose premiums are driven up as a direct result," Attorney General Frosh said. "Thanks to the in-depth work of the investigators and auditors from the Maryland Insurance Administration, these circumstances came to light and our office prosecuted to make sure that justice is served."

Maryland Insurance Commissioner Al Redmer, Jr. said, "We worked closely with Attorney General Frosh and his team to investigate this case of insurance fraud. When citizens commit fraud, it impacts all of us as rate payers with the carriers. We encourage people to report suspicious activity so we can determine if in fact fraud is being committed."

The case was prosecuted by Jerry E. Jones of the Insurance Fraud Unit of the Maryland Attorney General's Office, with assistance from Maryland Insurance Administration Investigator Tom Zanfardino and Forensic Auditor J.C. Hamilton.