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### **Baltimore County Woman Pleads Guilty to Neglect of Vulnerable Adult**

**BALTIMORE, MD (May 16, 2017)** – Maryland Attorney General Brian E. Frosh announced today that the Honorable Judith Ensor, of the Circuit Court for Baltimore County, found Kimberly Shamika Belton of Baltimore, guilty of neglect of a vulnerable adult in the second degree. Belton entered a guilty plea to neglect of a vulnerable adult in the second degree, received a three-year suspended sentence, and was ordered to perform 80 hours of community service.

On June 18, 2016, Officer Moore of the Baltimore County Police Department responded to the White Marsh Mall parking lot in response to a 911 call from a concerned citizen reporting that three elderly men had been left unattended in the rear of a car parked outside the White Marsh Mall food court area. The men are developmentally disabled and because of their disability were unable to communicate with the concerned citizen or officer when he arrived. The weather on that day was in the upper 80s. Officer Moore remained with the men for approximately 20 minutes before the defendant, who is the caretaker for the three men, returned from the food court of the mall where she had purchased food for herself.

In making today's announcement, Attorney General Frosh thanked Assistant Attorneys General Amy Donze Sanchez and Myshala Middleton, as well as Medicaid Fraud Control Unit investigator Jim Hagin, for their work on this case.