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Former DC Teacher Pleads Guilty to Felony Insurance Fraud Scheme and Felony Theft

Defendant Pays Back Over \$430,000 to AFLAC and NTALife Which She Received from Fraudulent Insurance Claims

BALTIMORE, MD (June 10, 2025) – Attorney General Anthony G. Brown announced today that Kanika Oni Boston, 50, of the District of Columbia, pleaded guilty to one count of felony theft scheme and one count of felony insurance fraud in the Circuit Court for Prince George’s County before the Honorable C. Philip Nichols, Jr. Boston stole \$430,335.17 in the form of payments received from American Family Life Assurance Company of Columbus (AFLAC) and National Teachers Association Life (NTALife) based on fraudulent insurance claims. The investigation was led by the Maryland Office of the Attorney General’s Criminal Division and the Maryland Insurance Administration (MIA).

“The extensive fraud in this case – involving more than 100 false claims totaling more than \$430,000 – undermined the integrity of insurance programs designed to help those truly in need,” **said Attorney General Brown.** “By prosecuting this case and recovering these funds, we ensure that Marylanders who are disabled, sick, or injured can access the money they need to pay their bills while they are out of work.”

Between August 29, 2016, and July 3, 2017, Boston submitted seven fraudulent insurance claims under her National Teachers Association (NTALife) short-term disability, accident, and specified health event policies. The policies were designed to supplement major medical insurance by providing financial support for certain conditions, disabilities, and injuries. She also purchased a number of riders intended to expand the scope of her coverage. The investigation revealed that there was no supporting documentation in the medical records for the claims submitted by Boston. In total, she stole \$106,100 from NTALife as a result of payments she received from these fraudulent insurance claims.

Boston then applied for supplemental policies in her own name from AFLAC, as well as policies in the name of numerous other individuals, both real and fictitious. From October 16, 2017, to November 24, 2021, she submitted over 100 fraudulent claims with fraudulent medical

documentation to AFLAC. The investigation revealed that there was no supporting documentation in the medical records for any of the claims submitted by Boston, either under her own policy or the aliases that she used. In total, she stole \$324,235.17 from AFLAC as a result of payments she received from these fraudulent insurance claims.

Between the two victims, Boston stole a grand total of \$430,335.17. As part of her guilty plea, she has already paid full restitution to AFLAC and NTALife. Boston is scheduled to be sentenced on August 22, 2025.

In making today's announcement, Attorney General Brown thanked his Criminal Division, specifically Division Chief Katie Dorian, Fraud and Corruption Unit Chief Alexander Huggins, and Assistant Attorney General Michael Palisano, who is prosecuting this case. Attorney General Brown also thanked former Assistant Attorney General Roberta Siskind and Assistant Attorney General Jerry Jones who also worked to prepare the case, as well as Maryland Insurance Administration Forensic Auditor Suzanne Jones and Investigator William Wagner. Finally, Attorney General Brown also thanked State's Attorney for Prince George's County Aisha Braveboy for her assistance with this prosecution.

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