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Two Hinds County Women Charged with Medicaid Fraud

JACKSON - Two Hinds County women were charged with Medicaid fraud and conspiracy to commit Medicaid fraud, Attorney General Jim Hood announced today.

Jennifer Green, 36, of Pearl, and Andria Jones, 38, of Jackson, were indicted by a Hinds County Grand Jury for three counts of Medicaid Fraud and one count of conspiracy to commit Medicaid Fraud.

Green and Jones are accused of submitting and conspiring to submit false claims to Medicaid under various codes on behalf of Tutoring, Assessment and Professional Services (TAPS), located in Jackson. At the time crimes were allegedly committed, Green was the Director and Jones was the Assistant Director.

The women were booked into the Hinds County Jail with a bond set at \$20,000. The defendants each face possible sentences of five years and \$50,000 in fines for each Medicaid fraud and conspiracy count for a total of 20 years and \$200,000 in fines. In addition, they could be required to pay restitution and penalties to the Medicaid program of more than \$1,040,000.

A charge is merely an accusation, and a defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

The case was investigated by Investigator Barrick Fortune, Auditor Teresa Matthews, Registered Nurse Tina Bennett and Analysts Mark Branning and Richard Cameron of the Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit. Special Assistant Attorney General Sue Perry is prosecuting the case.

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