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INDIANAPOLIS WOMAN CHARGED IN \$1.8 MILLION HEALTH CARE FRAUD SCHEME

PRESS RELEASE

Timothy M. Morrison, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, and Steve Carter, Attorney General of the State of Indiana, announced that CAROL Y. WOODARD, 40, Indianapolis, Indiana, was indicted by a federal grand jury sitting in Indianapolis for health care fraud, following an investigation by the Health and Human Services Office of the Inspector General, the Indiana Attorney General Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Southern Indiana Health Care Fraud Task Force.

The indictment alleges that WOODARD ran a business at 546 East 17th Street in Indianapolis called Gideon's Gate. Gideon's Gate was primarily a day care and after-school care business that provided some supplemental education services such as tutoring, and some counseling. WOODARD enrolled Gideon's Gate in the Indiana Medicaid program. Beginning around January 2006 through December 2007, Gideon's Gate was paid approximately \$1.8 million by Indiana Medicaid for fraudulent claims submitted by WOODARD for services which allegedly were never provided, including therapy for traumatic brain injury.

"Indiana's focus on Medicaid fraud is strong and effective as federal, state and local authorities again uncover a million dollar scheme," Attorney General Steve Carter said. According to Assistant U. S. Attorney Winfield D. Ong, who is prosecuting the case for the government, WOODARD faces a maximum possible prison sentence of 10 years and a maximum possible fine of \$250,000. An initial hearing will be scheduled for September 2, 2008 before a U.S. Magistrate Judge in Indianapolis, Indiana.

The indictment is an allegation only, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at trial or by guilty plea.

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