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FORMER TENNESSEE MENTAL HEALTH AIDE SENTENCED FOR FEDERAL CIVIL RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

WASHINGTON – Jarvis Malone, a former aide at the Arlington Development Center (ADC) in Arlington, Tenn., was sentenced today in federal court in Memphis to 27 months imprisonment following his conviction on civil rights violations. After release from prison, Malone will be on federal supervised release for 2 years.

At his guilty plea on July 13, 2007, Malone admitted that in June 2005, while working as a developmental technician at ADC, a state-operated residential treatment facility for people with developmental disabilities, he stood a resident against a wall and kicked the resident in the groin. According to evidence presented at that hearing, Malone kicked the victim to punish him for urinating on himself.

“The residents of the Arlington Development Center are dependent upon the care of the Center’s employees, and Mr. Malone abused the trust placed in him when he violated the civil rights of this vulnerable resident. Mr. Malone’s cruel conduct was reprehensible and will not be not be tolerated by the Department of Justice,” said Rena J. Comisac, Acting Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice.

“The United States Attorney’s Office will continue to prosecute those individuals who violate the civil rights of other people. We appreciate the hard work and dedication of the agents with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation in their pursuit of ensuring that our citizens’ rights are protected,” added David Kustoff, U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Tennessee.

This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Medical Fraud Control Unit of the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation. Assistant U.S. Attorney Steve Parker from the U.S. Attorney’s Office in Memphis and Trial Attorney Edward Caspar from the Civil Rights Division prosecuted the case.

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