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**AG STEVEN T. MARSHALL ANNOUNCES ARREST OF
FORMER CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT FOR ELDER ABUSE**

Attorney General Steven T. Marshall today announced the arrest of a former employee of a Tuscaloosa County nursing home for abuse of a resident of the facility. Betty Jean Tubbs, 47, of Tuscaloosa was arrested on February 16 and has been released on bond.

The case was referred to Attorney General Marshall's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit by the Alabama Department of Public Health. After conducting an investigation, the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit presented evidence to a Tuscaloosa County grand jury resulting in an indictment* on January 24. The indictment charges Tubbs with one count of second-degree elder abuse, a class B felony. It is alleged that Tubbs, a certified nursing assistant (CNA) at Heritage Health Care and Rehab, struck a 71-year-old resident of the facility on the head, causing injury. It is further alleged that Tubbs punched the resident in the face, causing the resident's eye to swell and bruise.

If convicted, Tubbs faces a possible sentencing range of two to 20 years in the Department of Corrections and a fine of not more than \$30,000.

Attorney General Marshall commended the staff and administrators of Heritage Health Care and Rehab for their prompt reporting of the incident, as well as his Medicaid Fraud Control Unit for its investigation and prosecution of this extremely serious case.

**An indictment is merely an accusation. The defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.*

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