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**FORMER PROGRAM DIRECTOR OF MEDICAID-FUNDED
HOME ATTENDANT SERVICE COMPANY INDICTED
FOR STEALING MORE THAN \$900,000**

LEV L. DASSIN, the Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, and ROSE GILL HEARN, the Commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation ("DOI"), announced today the indictment of O'DELL HOLLAND, formerly the Program Director of Tremont Community Council Home Attendant Program, Inc. ("Tremont"), a nonprofit home attendant program funded primarily by Medicaid. Tremont provided home attendant services to Medicaid-eligible, elderly, and disabled individuals in the Bronx, New York. According to the Indictment filed today in Manhattan federal court and a criminal Complaint previously filed in this matter:

From January 2004 through June 2008, Tremont contracted with the New York City Human Resources Administration ("HRA") to provide home attendant services to Medicaid-eligible, elderly, and disabled individuals in the Bronx. Tremont's July 2007 contract with the City was valued at over \$445,000, a substantial portion of which consisted of Medicaid funds. When the contract concluded in June 2008, Tremont was providing home attendant services, including general housekeeping services, to approximately 200 clients. HOLLAND served as the Program Director of Tremont from approximately 2002 through mid-2008, and was paid approximately \$76,000 by Tremont in 2007.

As Program Director, HOLLAND caused over \$900,000 belonging to Tremont to be diverted to his personal benefit. HOLLAND made multiple unauthorized wire transfers from a Tremont

account to a personal account in his name, and wrote multiple checks payable to himself on the Tremont account. These wire transfers and checks totalled in excess of \$570,000. HOLLAND also made unauthorized wire transfers totaling approximately \$135,000 from the Tremont account to an architect to pay for renovations and other architectural work at a nightclub in the Bronx and at a residence in Pomona, New York, both of which HOLLAND owned. Finally, HOLLAND had hundreds of thousands of dollars transferred from the Tremont account to accounts held by a Manhattan law firm and one of its principals; approximately \$258,000 of that money was later transferred to HOLLAND, or to third parties on HOLLAND's behalf, through checks drawn on an escrow account in the law firm's name.

The Indictment charges HOLLAND with embezzlement from an organization that receives funds under a federal program. If convicted, HOLLAND faces a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison and a maximum fine of \$250,000 or twice the gross gain or loss from the offense.

The case has been assigned to United States District Judge ROBERT W. SWEET.

Mr. DASSIN praised the investigative work of DOI.

The prosecution is being handled by the Office's Public Corruption Unit. Assistant United States Attorneys DANIEL L. STEIN and BRENT WIBLE are in charge of the prosecution.

The charges contained in the Indictment are merely accusations, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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