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DES Office of Inspector General Arrests Employee for Financial Exploitation of Vulnerable Adult

PHOENIX – Director Timothy Jeffries today announced the Office of Inspector General arrested DES employee, Ms. Marilyn Conlin, on the suspicion she assisted in the facilitation of the financial exploitation of a vulnerable adult.

“Financial exploitation is inexcusable on any level, but when it involves a vulnerable adult it is revolting,” said Director Jeffries. “The fact that this act was allegedly committed by an individual within our agency whose role is to care for the most vulnerable is reprehensible. Any individual who commits such egregious crimes should be held responsible to the fullest extent of the law.”

“The Office of Inspector General will invoke the full force of its authority not only to maintain the integrity of DES programs and services, but also to protect the clients we serve,” said Inspector General Juan J. Arcellana. “Crimes committed against the vulnerable of whom DES is responsible to serve will not be tolerated.”

DES OIG obtained sufficient circumstantial evidence that culminated in the probable cause arrest of Ms. Marilyn Conlin. Ms. Conlin was arrested by OIG detectives in a DES office, and transported to the Department of Public Safety for fingerprinting and photo verification.

The investigation into this matter is ongoing.

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