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Lexington Caregiver Pleads Guilty to Abuse, Neglect Charges

COLUMBIA, S.C.) South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson announced today that Linda A. Randolph (DOB: 12/18/1951) of West Columbia, S.C. pleaded guilty to multiple charges related to the abuse and neglect of vulnerable adults.

On March 16, 2017, Randolph pleaded guilty in Lexington County before Judge William Keesley to three counts of failure to report abuse, neglect and exploitation of a vulnerable adult (SC 16-3-1050), and one count of accessory after the fact (SC 16-1-55).

Randolph was a licensed practical nurse (LPN) and served as the residential care coordinator at Oakleaf Village of Lexington, S.C. The residents of the facility are all vulnerable adults under S.C. law due to their physical or mental ailments that require residential care. Randolph had information that another employee had stolen prescription pain medication that had been prescribed for two residents of the facility, and she was legally required by law to report that misconduct to the appropriate state agency. Randolph failed to report the misconduct on three separate occurrences from December 2015 through February 2016, and attempted to cover up a separate instance of theft in December 2015.

Randolph was sentenced to one year, suspended to 90 days, 5 years' probation with special conditions to include 320 hours of public service and no employment where she has duties related to vulnerable adults or dispensing of controlled substances. She also was placed on house arrest for 6 months.

This case was investigated by the South Carolina Medicaid Fraud Control Unit and the Lexington Police Department. The case was prosecuted by the attorney general's office.

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