

STATE OF VERMONT

SUPERIOR COURT
ORLEANS UNIT

CRIMINAL DIVISION
CASE NO. 26CR

STATE OF VERMONT

v.

YVONNE WESCOM

INFORMATION BY ATTORNEY GENERAL

BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF VERMONT, the Attorney General for the State of Vermont, upon her oath of office, charges:

Count 1 of 3
Medicaid Fraud (F)
33 V.S.A. § 141(d)
Charge Code: 999

On or about May 7, 2025, Yvonne WESCOM (d.o.b. [REDACTED]) in Orleans County, Vermont, knowingly filed or aided and abetted in the filing of claims for services to a recipient of benefits under a state or federally funded assistance program for services that were not rendered.

Specifically, at that time WESCOM was hired to provide Medicaid-funded services to a Vermont Medicaid recipient, "R1." On or about May 7, 2025, WESCOM knowingly submitted a claim for Medicaid-funded payment for services WESCOM claimed to have rendered to R1 on May 5, 2025. At the time WESCOM submitted the claim for payment, WESCOM knew that she had not provided the claimed services. These acts were in violation of 33 V.S.A. §§ 141(d) & 143(a), and against the peace and dignity of the State of Vermont.

PENALTY: A fine of up to \$1,000.00 or up to an amount equal to twice the amount of payments wrongfully obtained, or imprisonment for not more than ten years, or both.

Count 2 of 3
Medicaid Fraud (F)
33 V.S.A. § 141(d)
Charge Code: 999

On or about September 10, 2025, Yvonne WESCOM (d.o.b. [REDACTED]) in Orleans County, Vermont, knowingly filed or aided and abetted in the filing of claims for services to a recipient of benefits under a state or federally funded assistance program for services that were not rendered.

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Count 3 of 3
Medicaid Fraud (F)
33 V.S.A. § 141(d)
Charge Code: 999

On or about January 28, 2026, Yvonne WESCOM (d.o.b. [REDACTED]) in Orleans County, Vermont, knowingly filed or aided and abetted in the filing of claims for services to a recipient of benefits under a state or federally funded assistance program for services that were not rendered.

Specifically, at that time WESCOM was hired to provide Medicaid-funded services to a Vermont Medicaid recipient, "R1." On or about January 28, 2026, WESCOM knowingly submitted claims for Medicaid-funded payment for services WESCOM claimed to have rendered to R1 on January 23, 2026. At the time WESCOM submitted claims for payment, WESCOM knew

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Dated: June 16, 2026

STATE OF VERMONT
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FINDING OF PROBABLE CAUSE

This Information was presented to me and I have found probable cause this
17th day of June, 2026.

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SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE

AFFIDAVIT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

NOW COMES Detective Virginia Merriam, affiant, being duly sworn and on oath, deposes and states as follows:

1. I am a Detective with the Medicaid Fraud and Residential Abuse Unit (MFRAU) of the Office of the Vermont Attorney General and have served in this capacity since 2003. I am a full-time certified law enforcement officer in Vermont. I hold a Master of Science (MS) degree in Human Service Administration from Springfield College and a Master of Science (MS) degree in Economic Crime Management from Utica College. I am a Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE). The information provided in this affidavit is based on my own personal knowledge, observations, training and experience.

2. MFRAU, a unit in the Criminal Division of the Office of the Vermont Attorney General, is a Medicaid Fraud Control Unit ("MFCU") created under federal authority and certified annually by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The unit's mission, among other things, is to investigate and prosecute provider fraud against the Vermont Medicaid program.

3. Medicaid is a joint federal-state program that provides coverage for medical services to qualified individuals. More than 200,000 Vermonters, including nearly 50 percent of all children under the age of 18, are enrolled in Medicaid. Currently, the Vermont Medicaid budget is in excess of \$2.5 billion. The Department of Vermont Health Access ("DVHA"), a department within the Vermont Agency of Human Services, is responsible for the administration of the Vermont Medicaid Program. In consideration of the volume of individuals served, data contained, and public funds administered, investigation and prevention of fraud is in the public interest.

4. On February 17, 2026, DVHA forwarded a referral of possible Medicaid Fraud that they had received from Sage Conrad, Case Manager (CM) for Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging (NKCOA) which stated *"PCA [personal care assistant] Yvonne Wescom has been billing Medicaid for 21 personal care hours weekly for Vermont Medicaid beneficiary [R1] while concurrently employed at Orleans Essex Visiting Nurses Association (OEVNA) during the same hours. [R1] denies receiving personal care from*

Wescom, reports that Wescom's underage children perform limited evening tasks, and states she does not review or sign timesheets (Wescom signs for her)."

5. ARIS Solutions is the fiscal agent that processes payments for personal care, respite and companionship care services for eligible Medicaid recipients provided by individuals authorized to provide such services under the terms of ARIS protocols and the rules of various Medicaid funded care giving programs.

6. State Medicaid records indicate that Yvonne WESCOM (DOB [REDACTED]) is an employee and [R1] is the employer of record and recipient of services. Employers-of-record are authorized to hire individuals to provide care. Yvonne WESCOM became an employee on, or around October of 2024 for [R1]. WESCOM began receiving payments from ARIS on, or around November 29, 2024. Designated caregivers/employees are required to complete timesheets documenting dates and times services are rendered. Additionally, the employer-of-record is required to review the timesheets and to sign them, along with the employee, attesting to the accuracy of the information provided.

7. The ARIS employee packet, which was completed and signed by WESCOM on October 14, 2024, includes an *Employee Confirmation Form* which in part states that signing a timesheet that is not accurate could be considered Medicaid Fraud.

8. A review of the ARIS documents for the time period from November 2024-February 2026 indicate employee Yvonne WESCOM was paid approximately \$40,018.96 for services allegedly provided [R1]. These included payment for personal care and companion services paid for by Vermont Medicaid. ARIS processes payroll in two-week cycles. WESCOM submitted approximately five shifts per timesheet (or approximately 10 shifts per pay period). The timesheets generally listed personal care being provided from 8:00am – 12:00pm and companion care from 12:30pm- 4:30pm for a total of 34 hours of care per timesheet.

9. On February 27, 2026, Ed Fournier APS Investigator and I met with Sage Conrad, case manager with NKCOA. NKCOA, is one of the five area agencies on aging (AAA) which provide Older American Act (OAA) services including case management; nutrition services and programs; health promotion and disease prevention; information, referral and assistance; legal assistance; and family caregiver support for individuals 60 years of age and older.

10. Conrad confirmed the information in the above report that Conrad filed with DVHA. Conrad reported in her conversations with [R1] that WESCOM is employed and works regular daytime hours. Conrad stated that [R1] also denied that WESCOM provided personal care services for her. Conrad reported that based on her interview with [R1] and [R1's] statement to Conrad that [R1] never reviewed the timesheets before WESCOM submitted them to ARIS, that Conrad de-certified [R1] as an employer of record.

11. MFRAU obtained copies of case management notes from NKCOA which in part included the following from a February 5, 2026, home visit between Conrad and [R1] *"Client seemed overwhelmed and unsure about NH [nursing home] placement. Client stated she mainly needs help during the day when her caregiver is at work. CM [Case Manager Sage Conrad] let her know she can mix BAYADA and ARIS to have care during the day and evening, client seemed intrigued.....[R1] asked the CM 'If I get care from BAYADA does that mean I will have someone to help me shower and get dressed?' CM stated that Yvonne is getting paid to help with those things so she should be helping the client with that. Client confirmed she doesn't help with personal care but Yvonne's kids often help the client. CM asked the client what Yvonne is putting on the timesheets and Arlene said 'I don't know, I don't even see the timesheets' So the CM asked how she signs them if she doesn't see them and Arlene stated 'Yvonne signs my name on the timesheets.'"*

12. On March 12, 2026, APS Investigator Ed Fournier and I interviewed [R1]. [R1] acknowledged that WESCOM worked a full-time job outside of the home, although she did not recall the name of the place she worked. [R1] reported WESCOM initially worked from 8:00am- 4:00pm (leaving the house at 7:45am) and then her hours changed to 9:00am – 5:00pm (leaving the house at 8:45am). [R1] stated that WESCOM's children attended school during the day, and [R1] would remain at the apartment alone during the day.

13. When asked if WESCOM assisted her with care, [R1] reported WESCOM helped her by assisting with preparing meals, bringing [R1] coffee in the morning, helped [R1] wash up in bed and by putting on foot lotion (sometimes the grand-kids helped with this also). As the apartment was on the second floor, WESCOM also assisted [R1] with laundry, picking up her prescriptions at the pharmacy and doing the grocery shopping for

the household.

14. When asked about the ARIS timesheets, [R1] reported WESCOM filled out the timesheets with the date and times worked and then WESCOM signed her own name as the employee. I showed [R1] copies of several of the timesheets that were submitted to ARIS for care allegedly provided by WESCOM to her and [R1] stated the signature under the employer's name was her signature. [R1] stated there were times when WESCOM would sign the timesheet on her behalf. [R1] stated WESCOM mailed the timesheets into ARIS (she was not able to do this) and that ARIS paid WESCOM every two weeks via direct deposit. [R1] reported that [R1] paid the rent in Newport, which was \$900.00 per month and WESCOM bought the groceries.

15. As part of our investigation, MFRAU subpoenaed multiple records including WESCOM's employment records for Northeast Kingdom Human Services where she has been employed full-time since May 5, 2025 (WESCOM had previously worked at OEVNA as initially reported but left this employment in August of 2024).

16. The timesheets WESCOM submitted to ARIS for care allegedly provided to [R1] and timesheets WESCOM generated for the hours she was employed on-site and in person at NKHS show approximately 790 hours of overlapping time between May 5, 2025, and January 26, 2026. The overlaps associated with Medicaid-funded payments of **\$15,177.96** to WESCOM. WESCOM could not have worked for the two different employers in two different locations at the same time.

17. On May 20, 2026, Ed Fournier with APS and I met with Yvonne WESCOM, at her home located in Newport, Vermont. In sum, and substance, and in part WESCOM advised her grandmother, [R1] moved in with her and her two children in or around, August of 2024. WESCOM stated that from August – October 2024 there were no services in place. After [R1] was found eligible for services WESCOM met with NKCOA Case Manager Lynne White, who showed WESCOM and [R1] how to fill out an ARIS timesheet (by providing an example). WESCOM advised it was her understanding that since [R1] lived with WESCOM that the number of hours per day, not the specific times were what was important. WESCOM acknowledged the attestation at the bottom of the timesheet which states *"I (below) certify under the pains and penalty of perjury, to the best of my knowledge, that the dates, start and end times, and hours provided on this*

form are true, accurate and complete. I understand that submitting an inaccurate time sheet may result in termination or the employer and/or the employee from this program and may result in civil and/or criminal penalties." When asked about the overlaps with her employment at NKHS, WESCOM acknowledged the NKHS timesheets would be accurate and that the ARIS timesheets are not accurate.

18. WESCOM stated that the care she provided to [R1] included assisting with meals, sponge baths, assisting with transferring to the commode, organizing [R1's] pills and running errands. WESCOM acknowledged that [R1] paid the \$900 per month rent for both WESCOM and [R1], and that WESCOM covered the utilities and other expenses. WESCOM reported in the morning, before WESCOM went to work, she would get [R1] coffee, make sure she took her pills and helped [R1] get dressed. WESCOM would come home during lunch to make sure [R1] ate and then WESCOM would be back home, after WESCOM's shift ended at, or around 5:00pm. WESCOM stated her daughter, who is a minor, helped put lotion on [R1's] back, soak feet, file [R1's] finger and toenails, etc.

19. WESCOM stated she would pay back any money that was owed based on the timesheet submissions and reiterated that she believed that the specific hours listed on the timesheets were not important. WESCOM acknowledged during the interview that she did not work 16 hours per day between the 8 hours on-site and in person at NKHS and the 8 hours she billed to ARIS. WESCOM stated on the days she worked at NKHS she would provide coffee, medication and assist [R1] with getting dressed in the morning and then leave the house. WESCOM stated she came home for lunch.

20. On May 22, 2026, Ed Fournier with APS and I met with Lynne White, former NKCOA case manager for [R1]. In sum, and substance, and in part White reported that she worked with the family to establish the in-home services and then completed monthly home visits until she transferred the case to Sage Conrad, in or around January of 2025. White reviewed a note from November of 2024 which in part stated *"CM [Case Manager Lynne White] reached out to client and granddaughter and let them know client has been fully approved for CFC, and that they can start submitting timesheets to Aris going back to the date of granddaughter being approved for employee background check completion. CM also worked with granddaughter and client*

with "sample" timesheets showing how to code for companion time, and personal care time. Both were thankful for CM showing how to do this. CM will reach out and schedule HV follow up to check in. Client also needs assistance with Med D choice for 2025, as current plan is leaving the state. Client is aware CM will assist with this."

21. White stated that as part of her overview of the ARIS program she would print the employer handbook for any clients who she was providing case management support to and advise them to review the information. White would clarify that the times on the timesheets must be accurate. White stated that she would never have advised a family that they did not need to accurately record the exact times and dates that they provided care.

22. WESCOM submitted suspect timesheets from May 2025 through January 2026. For example:

- a. A timesheet signed by WESCOM on or about May 7, 2025, claims 8 hours of service to [R1] that WESCOM claimed to have provided on May 5, 2025. However, NKHS personnel records indicate that WESCOM clocked in for work on-site and in person at NKHS during the same 8 hours on May 5, 2025.
- b. A timesheet signed by WESCOM on or about September 10, 2025, claims 8 hours of service to [R1] that WESCOM claimed to have provided on September 1, 2025. However, NKHS personnel records indicate that WESCOM clocked in for work on-site and in person at NKHS during the same 8 hours on September 1, 2025.
- c. A timesheet signed by WESCOM on or about January 28, 2026, claims 8 hours of service to [R1] that WESCOM claimed to have provided on January 23, 2026. However, NKHS personnel records indicate that WESCOM clocked in for work on-site and in person at NKHS during the same 8 hours on January 23, 2026.

23. Based on the above facts I have probable cause to believe that Yvonne WESCOM DOB [REDACTED] submitted timesheets to ARIS Solutions, for services allegedly

provided to R1, which she did not provide. The above constitutes a violation of 33 V.S.A § 141 (d).

6/11/2026

Date

Virginia Merriam

Affiant

Subscribed and sworn before me on _____

Notary Public _____ My Commission Expires on _____