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**FORMER PROGRESSIVE EMPLOYEE INDICTED FOR CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT HEALTH CARE FRAUD BY ALTERING ACCIDENT CLAIM RECORDS**

Jacksonville, Florida - United States Attorney Robert E. O'Neill announces the unsealing of an indictment charging Mandisa K. Parkinson (36, Jacksonville) with conspiracy to commit health care fraud. If convicted, Parkinson faces a maximum penalty of ten years in federal prison.

According to the indictment, Parkinson was employed by Progressive Casualty Insurance Company ("Progressive") in its Claim Resolution National Medical Pay Unit located in Jacksonville, from August 21, 2008, through on or about August 14, 2009. The indictment alleges that in that capacity she conspired with others in a scheme to defraud Progressive. According to the indictment, Parkinson's involvement in the scheme included locating and altering automobile insurance claim records in Progressive's computer system by adding passengers to the claims. For the passengers added by Parkinson, she would further indicate that they had been injured in the accident, had submitted medical claims for payment to Progressive, and should be paid by Progressive on the medical claims. The indictment further alleges that Parkinson received upwards of 40 percent of the money received by the individuals who were not actually passengers and who had not been injured in the accidents.

An indictment is merely a formal charge that a defendant has committed a violation of the federal criminal laws, and every defendant is presumed innocent unless, and until, proven guilty.

This case was investigated by Federal Bureau of Investigation. It will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney John M. Guard.