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Defendants Ordered to Pay Nearly \$70,000 Back to Restitution Fund

Sacramento, CA –Two Contra Costa County residents have been ordered to pay the State nearly \$70,000 for fraudulent invoices they submitted for the care of a victim who had been wounded by a stray bullet that hit the victim in the head. Lashenique Battle and Shawntenique Tillis have been ordered by the Sacramento County Superior Court to pay back the California Victim Compensation Program (CalVCP) for a claim they filed in 2003.

In 2003, Battle submitted a claim to CalVCP for compensation on behalf of the victim and received regular reimbursement that she claimed to have spent on prescriptions and in-home care for the victim. In 2006, Tillis claimed she took over in-home care for the victim and received reimbursement from CalVCP for her services through November 2007. Battle and Tillis, both close to the victim, submitted forged doctor letters requesting the need for in-home care.

Almost two years later, the victim's mother called CalVCP seeking assistance in paying for his care. She-not Battle or Tillis-had been caring for the victim since October 2006 and had been paying for his prescriptions. CalVCP began an investigation and referred the case to the Attorney General's Office. Findings proved both Battle and Tillis submitted false claims for in-home care, and Battle also submitted false claims for prescription drug reimbursement.

The Sacramento County Superior Court sentenced Lashenique Battle to 5 years of probation, 1 year in the county jail and \$54,309.75 in restitution to be paid to CalVCP. The court sentenced Shawntenique Tillis to 3 years of probation, 60 days in county jail and \$15,486 in restitution to CalVCP.

"An important balance is required to assist victims every day with their claims while recognizing fraudulent activity," said Julie Nauman, Executive Officer for the California Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board. "Thanks to the diligent work of many, Lashenique Battle and Shawntenique Tillis will now feel the consequences of their bad decisions and justice will be served. The money will be returned to the Restitution Fund so victims can receive the financial assistance they need."

CalVCP is a state program which helps victims of violent crime and their families with the financial aftermath of crime. The program compensates for monetary losses when an actual loss has occurred as a result of a violent crime. The program is dedicated to maintaining its financial integrity, and it makes every effort to identify fraudulent claims and holds people accountable who claim reimbursement.

For more information about CalVCP visit: www.calvcp.ca.gov

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The California Victim Compensation Program (CalVCP) provides compensation for victims of violent crime who are injured or threatened with injury. Among the crimes covered are domestic violence, child abuse, sexual and physical assault, homicide, robbery, drunk driving and vehicular manslaughter.

If a person meets eligibility criteria, CalVCP will compensate many types of services when the costs are not covered by other sources. Eligible services include medical and dental care, mental health services, income loss, funeral expenses, rehabilitation and relocation. Funding for CalVCP comes from restitution fines and orders, penalty assessments levied on persons convicted of crimes and traffic offenses, and federal matching funds.