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**ATTORNEY GENERAL RAOUL ANNOUNCES WINNEBAGO COUNTY MAN SENTENCED FOR CRIMINAL
NEGLECT**

Chicago — Attorney General Kwame Raoul today announced the sentencing of a Winnebago County man for failing to provide personal assistant services to his mother, who died as a result.

Patrick Davis, 33, was sentenced in Winnebago County Circuit Court to three years in prison after pleading guilty to criminal abuse or neglect of a person with a disability. According to Raoul's indictment, Davis was a personal assistant for his mother, Joanna Davis, but neglected to care for her, which ultimately resulted in her death. As a personal assistant, Davis was paid by the Illinois Department of Human Services to provide services that would allow his disabled mother to reside at home.

"It is heartbreaking when anyone is victimized by those who have been entrusted with their care," Raoul said. "I remain committed to holding any individual responsible who neglects and abuses the most vulnerable among us."

Raoul alleged that between May 11, 2016 and Jan. 11, 2017, Davis intentionally neglected his mother, failing to provide care that was vital to her health and wellness. Over the course of several months, Raoul alleged, Davis neglected to care for Joanna Davis by depriving her of proper hygiene and failing to turn her in bed to avoid her developing bedsores. Joanna Davis died on Jan. 13, 2017, at the age of 58. According to the medical examiner's autopsy report, Joanna Davis suffered from multiple skin ulcers, contracted sepsis and died as a result.

The case was investigated by the Illinois State Police Medicaid Fraud Control Unit.

"Our Medicaid Fraud Unit commends those willing to shine a light on criminal acts to protect Medicaid recipients and State of Illinois resources," said Illinois State Police (ISP) Director Brendan F. Kelly. "The ISP Medicaid Fraud Control Bureau will continue to aggressively investigate these cases and work with the Illinois Attorney General's office to ensure those who commit these acts are brought to justice."

Individuals who believe they or someone they know is the victim of abuse or neglect should contact the Attorney General's office at 312-814-1624 or the Illinois State Police at 888-557-9503.

Assistant Attorneys General Melissa Guske and Rob Sparano handled the case for Raoul's Medicaid Fraud Bureau.