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IHSS CARETAKER SENTENCED TO PRISON

On August 18, 2008, before Judge James Ruggiero, Stephen Ray Sanders pled guilty to one count of grand theft of personal property. Sanders was supposed to be providing In Home Health Services to his elderly mother through the IHSS program. While his mother was in the hospital due to health complications, Stephen Sanders was fraudulently submitting timesheets and being paid for caretaking that he had not completed. He was also forging his mother's signature. Even after his mother passed away, Sanders submitted timesheets claiming to have done work and continued forging his mother's signature. Sanders was on probation for a welfare fraud conviction when he was committing the new offense. After his plea of guilty he was sentenced to prison for two years and eight months. This case was investigated by District Attorney Investigator Jeff Forrester and prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Michael Hemker.