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IHSS Advisory Committee Member Defrauds IHSS

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Redding - On March 25, 2011, 40-year-old Redding resident, Ethel Joan Webb, pleaded guilty to a felony for filing false claims with the State of California. Specifically, Webb admitted submitting fraudulent timesheets to In Home Supportive Services (IHSS).

Webb submitted four IHSS timesheets during the period from April 2008 through May 2008. The timesheets were provided to the State of California for payment, where Webb claimed she had provided IHSS care for her mother even though she had not. It was impossible for Webb to have provided the claimed care due to her mother being hospitalized during these same time periods. Webb received \$1,550.00 based on her fraud.

Webb has knowledge of the IHSS process as she currently serves on the IHSS Advisory Committee. This Committee is comprised of nine members that have diverse backgrounds to include experience as personal care recipients, personal care providers, and community leaders. The Committee members provide recommendations and advice to administrative bodies in Shasta County on issues related to IHSS. Certainly someone in Webb's position would know what's legal and what's not when it came to IHSS.

Shasta County Judge James Ruggiero accepted Webb's plea and will pronounce her sentence on May 10, 2011. She will most likely receive 15 days in jail, be ordered to pay restitution, and be placed on felony probation for three years. In addition, she agreed to voluntarily remove herself from the IHSS Advisory Committee. Her term would have expired on March 31, 2012.
