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Attorney General Brown Announces Conviction of Washington County Care Provider Who Assaulted Vulnerable Adult

BALTIMORE, MD (September 4, 2024) - Attorney General Anthony G. Brown today announced a conviction in a case of abuse of a vulnerable adult. On August 28, 2024, following a bench trial, Kehinde Oluwatobi Ososanya, 38, of Hagerstown, Maryland, was found guilty of Second-Degree Abuse of a Vulnerable Adult and Second-Degree Assault by Washington County Circuit Court Judge Viki M. Pauler. Ososanya worked at an Arc of Washington County residential program, as a direct support professional and provided care to a 30-year-old intellectually disabled man with autism.

On January 23, 2023, the victim was ill and was taken to an urgent care facility by Ososanya and another direct support professional. While in the urgent care lobby, Ososanya attempted to put a face mask on the victim. The victim resisted and became aggressive toward Ososanya. Ososanya's co-worker witnessed Ososanya "karate chop" the victim in the neck. Once in the exam room, when the victim was laying down on an examination table, the witness saw Ososanya grab the victim, elbow him, punch him in his side, and knee him in his rib cage. The witness intervened to stop the abuse.

"Care providers serving our most vulnerable Maryland residents have both a legal and moral duty to ensure their safety and well-being," said Attorney General Anthony Brown. "My office is committed to holding accountable any care provider who neglects this responsibility or, even worse, abuses those in their care."

Ososanya could receive a maximum sentence of 15 years' incarceration. Sentencing will be scheduled after a pre-sentence investigation has been completed.

In making today's announcement, Attorney General Brown thanked Assistant Attorneys General Callie L. Smith and Carlyne Evans and Investigators Michael Glenn and Dreama Smith for their hard work on this case.

The Maryland Office of the Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud and Vulnerable Victims Unit receives 75 percent of its funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services under a grant award totaling \$6,057,128 for Federal fiscal year (FY) 2024. The remaining 25 percent, totaling \$2,019,042 for FY 2024, is funded by the State of Maryland.

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