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**REPORT OF INVESTIGATION**

**TITLE OF CASE:** Americo Oms-Rivera

**CASE NUMBER:** [REDACTED]

**PROGRAM CATEGORY:** 640 - TITLE II - DISABIL

**PERIOD COVERED:** 07/27/2018 **TO:** 07/27/2018

**RELATED CASE NUMBERS:**

**REPORTED BY:** [REDACTED]

**FIELD DIVISION:** NEW YORK

**OFFICE:** SAN JUAN

**STATUS OF CASE:** STATUS REPORT

**SYNOPSIS:**

This report of investigation memorializes a seventh debriefing interview conducted on Mayte Gonzalez-Muñoz, regarding the review of the medical records of 16 SSA beneficiaries, who were also patients of Doctor Americo Oms-Rivera.

**ALLEGATION OR REFERENCE TO MOST RECENT REPORT:**

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## INVESTIGATIVE ACTIVITY:

On July 27, 2018, [REDACTED] conducted a debriefing interview on Mayte Gonzalez-Muñoz (GONZALEZ), [REDACTED] former secretary of Dr. Americo Oms-Rivera (OMS), at the conference room of the SSA/OIG/OI San Juan office, located at San Juan, Puerto Rico (PR). [REDACTED] GONZALEZ stated, in substance and in part, that she was willing to be interviewed and that her responses were provided in a voluntary and truthful manner.

In addition, GONZALEZ reviewed the medical files of 16 OMS' patients, who also shared SSA attorney representative, Samuel Perez (Perez), from Guayama, PR as the claimant's representative regarding their SSA disability benefits application. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Regarding the review of the medical files, GONZALEZ' listed comments were in substance and in part. The medical files were the following:

- 1) [REDACTED], patient file [REDACTED] consisting of 127 scanned pages.

Visited OMS office only to pick up prescriptions and not to see OMS. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] His Psychiatric Medical Report (PMR) had been prepared by Perez. Furthermore, upon searching the SSA database, GONZALEZ identified that the Form SSA-3373, Function Adult Report -Adult, submitted to the SSA was also prepared by Perez.

- 2) [REDACTED], patient file [REDACTED] consisting of 62 scanned pages.

Patient referred by Perez. [REDACTED] at some point he abandoned his treatment [REDACTED] Visited OMS office frequently to pick up prescriptions and barely saw OMS. His PMR had been prepared by Perez. Furthermore, upon searching the SSA database, GONZALEZ identified that the Form SSA-3373, submitted to the SSA was prepared by Perez.

- 3) [REDACTED], patient file [REDACTED] consisting of 110 scanned pages.

He was referred by Perez. [REDACTED] His PMR had been prepared by Perez. Visited OMS office mainly to pick up prescriptions. GONZALEZ understood that his medical file was backdated. The document titled Evaluación Psiquiátrica (English translation, Psychiatric Evaluation (PE)) demonstrated that the first time he visited OMS was on August 31, 2010. However, upon searching the SSA database for OMS' PMR, the PMR revealed that

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his first visit had been on September 22, 2009. The PMR had been prepared by Perez. Furthermore, upon searching the SSA database, GONZALEZ identified that the Form SSA-3373, submitted to the SSA was prepared by Perez.

- 4) [REDACTED], patient file [REDACTED] consisting of 52 scanned pages.

[REDACTED] Referred by Perez. GONZALEZ stated that his medical file was backdated. The PE showed the admission date as February 1, 2011, it also had the date of October 5, 2010, next to the original admission date. His PMR had been prepared by Perez, and it showed that the date he was first seen by OMS was October 5, 2010. Furthermore, upon searching the SSA database, GONZALEZ identified that the Form SSA-3373, submitted to the SSA was prepared by Perez.

- 5) [REDACTED], patient file [REDACTED] consisting of 56 scanned pages.

[REDACTED] GONZALEZ understood that her medical file was backdated. The document titled Hoja Informacion Paciente (English translation, Patients' Information Sheet (PIS)) showed that the date she was first seen by OMS was on March 26, 2013, but it had another date below as May 27, 2012. Had appointment cards with added dates prepared, so Perez could add those dates to the PMR. The PE showed an admission date of March 26, 2013, and on the space titled "Fecha ultima cita" (English translation, Date of last appointment), it showed that date of March 27, 2012. Her medical file included two (2) Psychiatric Certifications prepared by OMS, the first one showed that her initial treatment date was on March 27, 2012, and the second certification showed that her initial treatment date was on May 27, 2012. Her PMR, which was prepared by Perez, showed a date first seen as May 27, 2012. Furthermore, upon searching the SSA database, GONZALEZ identified that the Form SSA-3373, submitted to the SSA was prepared by Perez.

- 6) [REDACTED], patient file [REDACTED] consisting of 68 scanned pages.

Referred by Perez. Visited OMS' office mainly to pick up prescriptions. GONZALEZ understood that his medical file was backdated. His PIS showed that the date he was first seen by OMS was on December 14, 2010. His PMR, which was prepared by Perez and signed by OMS, showed a date first seen as of February 16, 2010. Furthermore, upon searching the SSA database, GONZALEZ identified that the Form SSA-3373, submitted to the SSA was prepared by Perez.

- 7) [REDACTED], patient file [REDACTED] consisting of 35 scanned pages.

GONZALEZ understood that his medical file was backdated. His patient file included a letter dated February 16, 2010, from Perez referring his case to OMS. His PIS showed that the date he was first seen by OMS was on February 16, 2010. The medical file had an appointment card with added dates

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prepared, so Perez could add those dates to the PMR. However, upon searching the SSA database for OMS' PMR, the PMR showed that his first visit had been on July 14, 2009. The PMR had been prepared by Perez. Furthermore, upon searching the SSA database, GONZALEZ identified that the Form SSA-3373, submitted to the SSA was prepared by Perez.

8) [REDACTED], patient file [REDACTED] consisting of 61 scanned pages.

This person use to visit OMS' Ponce office, then requested her case to be transferred to OMS' office in Guayama. Referred by Perez. GONZALEZ understood her medical file had been backdated. Her PIS showed that the date she was first seen by OMS was on October 26, 2010; however, the PMR submitted to the SSA showed that the date she was first seen by OMS was March 9, 2010. The PMR was prepared by Perez. Her medical file included several blank progress notes, which denoted that she visited OMS' office mainly to pick up prescriptions and not to be seen by OMS. Furthermore, upon searching the SSA database, GONZALEZ identified that the Form SSA-3373, submitted to the SSA was prepared by Perez.

9) [REDACTED], patient file [REDACTED] consisting of 96 scanned pages.

Patient referred by Perez. His medical file included several blank progress notes. GONZALEZ understood his medical file was backdated. GONZALEZ identified date discrepancies in his medical file, his PIS filed on the first date the claimant contacted OMS was dated June 16, 2009, his PE had an admission date of June 16, 2009, and the PMR submitted to the SSA showed that his first visit had been on May 5, 2009. The PMR had been prepared by Perez. Furthermore, upon searching the SSA database, GONZALEZ identified that the Form SSA-3373, submitted to the SSA was prepared by Perez.

10) [REDACTED], patient file [REDACTED] consisting of 90 scanned pages.

GONZALEZ identified that this medical record included three (3) appointment cards with added dates so Perez could add those dates to the PMR. Her file included several blank progress notes. GONZALEZ noted that the PE in this medical file was dated with an admission date of April 10, 2012, but it had the date of December 13, 2011 on the side. GONZALEZ stated that the date of December 13, 2011, was the dated her medical file was going to be backdated. However, upon searching the SSA database for OMS' PMR, the PMR showed that his first visit had been on December 13, 2011. The PMR had been prepared by Perez. Furthermore, upon searching the SSA database, GONZALEZ identified that the Form SSA-3373, submitted to the SSA was prepared by Perez.

11) [REDACTED], patient file [REDACTED] consisting of 81 scanned pages.

Her file included several blank progress notes. GONZALEZ understood his medical file was

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backdated. The file included a PIS dated February 1, 2011, it also included a PE with an admission date of February 1, 2011. However, upon searching the SSA database for OMS' PMR, the PMR showed that his first visit had been on June 1, 2010. The PMR had been prepared by Perez. Furthermore, upon searching the SSA database, GONZALEZ identified that the Form SSA-3373, submitted to the SSA was prepared by Perez.

12) [REDACTED], patient file [REDACTED] consisting of 94 scanned pages.

Referred by Perez. His file included several blank progress notes. Visited OMS office mainly to pick up prescriptions. The PMR submitted to the SSA was prepared by Perez and OMS only signed it. Furthermore, upon searching the SSA database, GONZALEZ identified that the Form SSA-3373, submitted to the SSA was prepared by Perez.

[REDACTED]

14) [REDACTED], patient file [REDACTED] consisting of 124 scanned pages.

Referred by Perez. His medical file had several blank progress notes. The PMR had been prepared by Perez. Furthermore, upon searching the SSA database, GONZALEZ identified that the Form SSA-3373, submitted to the SSA was prepared by Perez.

15) [REDACTED], patient file [REDACTED] consisting of 101 scanned pages.

Referred by Perez. Visited OMS' office mainly to pick up prescriptions and not to see OMS. GONZALEZ understood his medical file was backdated. On his medical file the PIS was dated August 4, 2009. The file contained a PE that showed an admission date of May 11, 2010. The PMR submitted to the SSA was prepared by Perez, signed by OMS, and showed that the date he was first seen by OMS was on August 4, 2009. Furthermore, upon searching the SSA database, GONZALEZ identified that the Form SSA-3373, submitted to the SSA was prepared by Perez.

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**JUDICIAL ACTION:**

N/A

**DISPOSITION OF EVIDENCE, GRAND JURY MATERIAL, AND/OR PERSONAL PROPERTY:**

N/A

**MONETARY ACHIEVEMENT:**

N/A

**SUBMITTED BY:** [REDACTED] 08/03/2018

**APPROVED BY:** [REDACTED] 08/21/2018

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