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Columbia Man Pleads Guilty to Exploitation of a Vulnerable Adult

Columbia, S.C. – Attorney General Henry McMaster announced today Tyrone Suber, 46, of 1912 Spotswood Road in Columbia, pleaded guilty on December 16, 2004 to five (5) counts of Exploitation of a Vulnerable Adult, a felony violation of § 43-35-85(D) of the Code of Laws, and punishable to five (5) years imprisonment on each count. Suber also pleaded guilty to seven (7) counts of Obtaining Property Under False Pretenses, a misdemeanor violation of § 16-13-240(3) of the Code of Laws, and punishable to thirty (30) days imprisonment and a \$500 fine for each count.

During the period April 2003 to October 2003, and while employed by Babcock Center, Suber took money from residents of the Babcock Center, leading them to believe that the money was for a trip to Savannah or Myrtle Beach; however, Suber used the money for his personal purposes. The money has since been repaid to the residents by Babcock Center.

Judge L. Casey Manning, presiding over the General Sessions Court of Richland County, sentenced Suber to five (5) years imprisonment and a \$5,000 fine on the Exploitation charge. Provided the successful completion of six (6) months house arrest, the remainder of the sentence will be suspended upon five (5) years probation. Suber was also ordered to pay restitution of \$4,545 and serve two hundred fifty (250) hours of community service. On the Obtaining Property Under False Pretenses charge, Suber was sentenced to thirty (30) days imprisonment, suspended, on each count. Suber was further ordered to have no contact with any Babcock Center residents or employees.

This case was investigated by the State Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, and prosecuted by the Attorney General's Office.

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