CALIFORNIA RESIDENT SENTENCED IN HEALTH CARE FRAUD INVESTIGATION

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Case Number: CA-15-0502-HL-O

Web Summary: OIG-WS-2022-339

Chau Nguyen, a.k.a. Cindy Le, a resident of Yorba Linda, California, was sentenced on August 22, 2022, in United States District Court, Central District of California, to one day in prison (time served), 12 months' home confinement, and was ordered to pay \$7,623,701 in joint restitution to Tricare and \$70,065 to Amtrak. Our investigation found that Cindy Le's husband, Tony Le, who is serving a 70-month prison sentence, used his pharmacy to submit more than \$13 million in fraudulent claims for unnecessary compounded medications to both Tricare and Amtrak's health care plans. When Tony Le was away from the pharmacy, Cindy Le continued the fraudulent scheme to illegally bilk the insurance plans. Five defendants were convicted and sentenced in this investigation, and a total of \$838,552 in restitution has been ordered paid to Amtrak.