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Agency Announces Inaugural Fraud Fighter Achievement Award Winners during Fraud Awareness Week

- Professionals recognized for excellence in fraud prevention -

Tallahassee, Fla. – The Agency for Health Care Administration today announced Detective Dwight Murphy and Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) Jesus Casas were selected to receive the 2013 Fraud Fighter Achievement Awards. Detective Dwight Murphy is from the Department of Financial Services, Division of Insurance Fraud (DIF) in Jacksonville, and AUSA Jesus Casas is from the U.S. Attorney’s Office, Middle District of Florida in Fort Myers.

“It is fitting to recognize and highlight the efforts of Detective Murphy and AUSA Casas during Fraud Awareness Week,” said Secretary Liz Dudek. “These two outstanding professionals epitomize language from the Fraud Awareness Week executive proclamation which speaks to working together to raise public awareness and understanding of fraud, and how to combat it. Florida is fortunate to have both Detective Murphy and AUSA Casas in the roles they fulfill.”

Detective Dwight P. Murphy has more than thirty years of experience in law enforcement and has been with DIF since 2008. Detective Murphy led an investigation that resulted in the closing of nine clinics and diagnostic centers in the Jacksonville area, and more than 72 arrests. These clinics did not provide quality health care for Florida citizens, nor were the practitioners in these clinics working to help sick or injured patients. Detective Murphy has worked diligently to ensure that the residents of Florida are protected from fraudulent insurance claims and unscrupulous health care practitioners.

AUSA Jesus Casas, a prosecutor for the United States Attorney, Middle District of Florida, successfully prosecuted several individuals for health care fraud by operating unlicensed clinics. One of his cases had 10 defendants, of which three were convicted for conspiracy to commit health care fraud, with an imposed restitution of \$1.7 million. This was the first successful prosecution of health care fraud based on allegations of unlicensed operation in the Middle District of Florida. AUSA Casas is to be commended for his professionalism and perseverance in these successful prosecutions. This success shows a dedication to closing these unlicensed clinics and prosecuting the practitioners – ensuring that Florida citizens receive quality health care.

This is the inaugural year of the Fraud Fighter Achievement Award, which was designed to recognize an individual, team or entity whose efforts to reduce or deter fraud represent an act of extraordinary dedication and outstanding accomplishment, and support the Agency’s mission of providing *Better Health Care for All Floridians*.

Detective Murphy and AUSA Casas were chosen from numerous nominees. A nominee of this award may be a Medicaid recipient or provider, government official or entity, or private citizen who demonstrates the Agency’s values – Accountability, Fairness, Responsiveness, Teamwork – in their efforts that helped to detect or prosecute fraud, or prevent fraudulent activity in the health care arena.



For additional information about the award and to view the 2013 Fraud Awareness Week executive proclamation, please visit the Agency's website at www.ahca.myflorida.com/Executive/Inspector_General.

The Agency for Health Care Administration is committed to better health care for all Floridians. The Agency administers Florida's Medicaid program, licenses and regulates more than 45,000 health care facilities and 37 health maintenance organizations, and publishes health care data and statistics at www.FloridaHealthFinder.gov. Additional information about Agency initiatives is available via [Facebook \(AHCAFlorida\)](#), [Twitter \(@AHCA_FL\)](#) and [YouTube \(/AHCAFlorida\)](#).

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