



# NEWS RELEASE

From New York State Inspector General  
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## **OWNERS AND OPERATORS OF MEDICAL TRANSPORT COMPANIES SERVING THE ADIRONDACK AND CAPITAL REGION CHARGED WITH MULTI-MILLION-DOLLAR HEALTH CARE FRAUDS AND CONSPIRACIES**

ALBANY – New York State Inspector General Catherine Leahy Scott, Essex County District Attorney Kristy Sprague, New York State Police Superintendent George P. Beach II, United States Attorney for the Northern District of New York Grant C. Jaquith, and FBI Special Agent-in-Charge Charge Janelle M. Miller today announced the arrests of the owners and operators of 11 medical taxi and transport companies servicing the Adirondack and Capital regions on charges alleging millions of dollars in thefts and frauds against Medicaid and the Workers’ Compensation system.

The charges are the result of a two-year joint state and federal investigation that included the execution of multiple search warrants and 13 arrests this week. The allegations include billing Medicaid for trips that never occurred, bribing Medicaid recipient patients with kickbacks for using their specific transport companies, failing to provide employees of the transport companies with required Workers’ Compensation insurance, and filing documents falsely certifying such required coverage in order to provide Medicaid transport services. Altogether, the charges allege multiple millions of dollars in fraudulent Medicaid billings. The investigation is ongoing.

Medicaid is a county, state and federally funded benefit program providing health care coverage for individuals with limited income.

“With these medical transport companies it was the New York taxpayers who were taken for a ride,” said **Inspector General Leahy Scott**. “For years, the Northway corridor has been plagued with corruption in the medical transport industry, and this week’s law enforcement actions send a clear message that those who abuse the Medicaid and Workers’ Compensation systems for illicit gains will be relentlessly pursued and prosecuted. I sincerely thank our state and federal law enforcement partners for their extraordinary efforts and cooperation, and particularly District Attorney Sprague for her tremendous dedication and focus on bringing these cases to fruition.”

“Corrupt practices within the medical transportation business have been spreading for years like a cancer in our county and throughout the region,” Said **Essex County District Attorney Kristy Sprague**, “The arrests this week should make it crystal clear to any medical transport companies even thinking about breaking the law that my office and my law enforcement partners will be coming after them and will prosecute them to the fullest. These cases are the result of extraordinary teamwork by state and federal law enforcement partners and were made possible through the perseverance of the New York State Police and Inspector General Catherine Leahy Scott.”

“These arrests are the culmination of a two-year long investigation into corruption involving Medicaid transportation providers, who were operating an elaborate scheme to defraud Medicaid and steal taxpayer dollars,” said **New York State Police Superintendent George P. Beach II**. “I commend the efforts of State Police members and our federal, state and local partners for their diligence on this case. We simply will not stand for those who defraud taxpayers, and victimize customers and other legitimate providers, for their own personal gain.”

“These charges allege the theft and waste of taxpayer dollars by the owners and operators of medical transportation companies,” said **United States Attorney Grant C. Jaquith**. “This week’s arrests should put all companies on notice that we will not tolerate the abuse of the public fisc through such schemes as false billing and kickbacks paid to beneficiaries, nor the corruption of medical transportation services on which many people legitimately rely to get to important appointments.”

“Individuals who defraud health care programs place additional burdens and costs on the health care system, which affects every American citizen,” said **FBI Acting Special Agent in Charge Janelle M. Miller**. “The FBI will continue to work closely with our law enforcement partners to identify any individuals who defraud the system for personal gain.”

The companies involved provide medical transport services throughout the eastern Adirondack and Capital regions.

The transport companies involved in the alleged schemes include:

- Four-Way Taxi Inc., based in Ticonderoga;
- I-87 Transporters (DBA A-1 Taxi), based in Keeseville;
- Green Mountain Medical Transportation Inc. (DBA Green Mountain Taxi), based in Ticonderoga;
- Capital Cab Corporation, based in Queensbury and Ticonderoga;
- All NY Taxi & Limo Inc., based in Ticonderoga;
- Moriah Cab Service., Inc., based in Port Henry;
- Adirondack Taxi & Limo, based in Ticonderoga;
- Ti Taxi Inc., based in Ticonderoga;
- Advantage Medical Transport, Inc., based in Ticonderoga;
- Capital Medallion Inc. (DBA Avalanche Taxi);
- Tukk Simpson DBA Crown Point Cab, based in Crown Point.

The individuals arrested and their charges:

**Khurram Gondal**, 37, of Ticonderoga, an owner of Four-Way Taxi Inc., Green Mountain Medical Transportation Inc. (DBA Green Mountain Taxi), Capital Cab Corporation, and All NY Taxi & Limo Inc.

- Conspiracy to commit health care fraud in violation of United States Code.
- Grand Larceny in the First Degree, a felony.
- Grand Larceny in the Second Degree (three counts), a felony.
- Grand Larceny in the Third Degree, a felony.
- Falsifying Business Records in the First Degree (four counts), a felony.
- The Workers’ Compensation crime of Failure to Secure Compensation, two counts charged as a felony and two counts charged as a misdemeanor.

**Waqas Nauman**, 36, of Queensbury, is an owner of Green Mountain Medical Transportation Inc. (DBA Green Mountain Taxi).

- Conspiracy to commit health care fraud in violation of United States Code.

- Grand Larceny in the Second Degree, a felony.
- Falsifying Business Records in the First Degree, a felony.
- The Workers' Compensation crime of Failure to Secure Compensation, charged as a felony.

**Muhammad N. Jahangir**, 23, of Queensbury, an owner of Capital Cab Corporation.

- Grand Larceny in the Second Degree, a felony.
- The Workers' Compensation crime of Failure to Secure Compensation, charged as a misdemeanor.

**Samone Marshall**, 27, of Ticonderoga, an owner of All NY Taxi & Limo Inc.

- Grand Larceny in the Second Degree, a felony.
- The Workers' Compensation crime of Failure to Secure Compensation, charged as a misdemeanor.

**Sana Ullah Chaddher** (also known as Sana Ullah), 55, of Ticonderoga, an owner of Chaddher Imports, Inc. (DBA Adirondack Taxi & Limo).

- Grand Larceny in the First Degree, a felony.
- Falsifying Business Records in the First Degree, a felony.
- The Workers' Compensation crime of Failure to Secure Compensation, charged as a felony.

**Quaiser Gondal**, 46, of Ticonderoga, an owner of Ti Taxi Inc.

- Conspiracy to commit health care fraud and knowingly and willfully offering to pay bribes and kickbacks to Medicaid beneficiaries in violation of United States Code.
- Grand Larceny in the Second Degree, a felony.
- Falsifying Business Records in the First Degree, a felony.
- The Workers' Compensation crime of Failure to Secure Compensation, charged as a felony.

**Saleem Hayat**, 34, of Port Henry, an owner of Moriah Cab Service., Inc

- Grand Larceny in the Second Degree, a felony.
- Falsifying Business Records in the First Degree, a felony.
- The Workers' Compensation crime of Failure to Secure Compensation, charged as a felony.

**Maryam Qaiser**, 41, of Ticonderoga, an owner of Advantage Medical Transport, Inc.

- Grand Larceny in the Second Degree, a felony.
- Falsifying Business Records in the First Degree, a felony.
- The Workers' Compensation crime of Failure to Secure Compensation, charged as a felony.

**Arshad Nazir**, 53, of Plattsburgh, an owner of Capital Medallion Inc. (DBA Avalanche Taxi).

- Conspiracy to commit health care fraud and knowingly and willfully offering to pay bribes and kickbacks to Medicaid beneficiaries in violation of United States Code.
- Grand Larceny in the First Degree, a felony.
- Falsifying Business Records in the First Degree, a felony.
- The Workers' Compensation crime of Failure to Secure Compensation, charged as a felony.

**Chaudary Kahn**, 54, of Keeseville, an owner of I-87 Transporters (DBA A-1 Taxi).

- Grand Larceny in the Second Degree, a felony.
- Falsifying Business Records in the First Degree, a felony.
- The Workers' Compensation crime of Failure to Secure Compensation, charged as a felony.

**Khalid Chaddher**, 48, of Ticonderoga, an owner of Chaddher Imports, Inc. (DBA Adirondack Taxi & Limo).

- Conspiracy to commit health care fraud and knowingly and willfully offering to pay bribes and kickbacks to Medicaid beneficiaries in violation of United States Code.
- Grand Larceny in the Third Degree, a felony.
- Falsifying Business Records in the First Degree, a felony.
- Offering a False Instrument for Filing in the First Degree, a felony.

**Anthony Armstrong**, 29, of Port Henry, manager of Ti Taxi Inc.

- Conspiracy to commit health care fraud and knowingly and willfully offering to pay bribes and kickbacks to Medicaid beneficiaries in violation of United States Code.
- Grand Larceny in the Third Degree, a felony.
- Falsifying Business Records in the First Degree, a felony.
- Offering a False Instrument for Filing in the First Degree, a felony.

**Tukk Simpson**, 48, of Crown Point, an owner of Tukk Simpson DBA Crown Point Cab.

- Grand Larceny in the Second Degree, a felony.
- Falsifying Business Records in the First Degree, a felony.

All of the defendants were arraigned on the state charges in Essex County town courts and remanded to the Essex County Jail on various amounts of bail pending further court actions.

Inspector General Leahy Scott thanked Essex County District Attorney Kristy Sprague and United States Attorney for the Northern District of New York Grant C. Jaquith and their offices for their assistance with the investigation and for prosecuting these matters, and the New York State Police Special Investigations Unit and Troop B, and The Federal Bureau of Investigations.

Others assisting with the investigations include the New York State Joint Task Force on Employee Misclassification and Worker Exploitation, the New York State Department of Labor, the New York State Workers' Compensation Board's compliance division, Office of the New York State Comptroller Division of Investigations; New York State Attorney General's Office's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU); Essex County Sheriff's Office; U.S. Homeland Security Investigations (HSI); and the Office of Inspector General for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS-OIG).

The charges are merely allegations and the defendants are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty in a court of law.

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