

The Office of the Inspector General, (OIG), Department of Defense (DoD), announced today that on May 22, 2000, Barbara J. Reuter, of Reuter and Associates, Center for Treatment & Recovery, Stafford, VA, pled guilty to a two count Criminal Information in the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Virginia, Alexandria, VA, charging her with the theft of Government money for mental health care services provided to beneficiaries of Medicare and TRICARE.

An investigation disclosed that from July to November 1997, Reuter billed TRICARE and Medicare for psychotherapy counseling services that were either never performed or were being provided by unauthorized TRICARE and Medicare providers and subsequently billed as services provided by Reuter.

Reuter faces a maximum sentence of one year in prison for each count, and is scheduled to be sentenced on August 15, 2000.