

The Office of the Inspector General (OIG), Department of Defense (DoD), announced today that on May 18, 2001, Carol Doggette, owner of Coastal Outpatient Services (COS), Jacksonville, FL, was sentenced by Federal District Court Judge Henry J. Schleslinger, Middle District of Florida, Jacksonville, FL. Doggette was ordered to serve 30 months confinement, 36 months probation, pay \$1,568,069 in restitution and a \$100 special assessment fee. This sentencing is the result of an earlier guilty plea by Doggette for submitting false claims to the U.S. Government.

The sentencing is the result of a multi-agency Federal task force investigating health care fraud in Northeast Florida. The investigation disclosed that Doggette, through COS, billed the U.S. Government for respiratory services not rendered.