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Hospice News: Justice Department Singles Out Hospice For Fraud Targeting

A nationwide sweep led by the Medicare Fraud Strike Force in 36 federal districts, resulting in criminal and civil charges against 301 individuals for their alleged participation in health care fraud schemes involving about \$900 million in false billings, included defendants from the home care industry in multiple states.

However, the **Department of Justice** didn't single out any hospice cases in its information about the enforcement action. Despite that, Assistant Attorney General **Leslie Caldwell** noted in a DOJ release that "the Strike Force's strategic approach keeps us a step ahead of emerging fraud trends, including ... fraud involving compounded medications and hospice care."