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**FINAL AGENCY DECISION**

OAL DKT. NO.: HSL 04822-2021S

AGENCY DKT. NO.: DRA #21-009

**J.C.,**

Petitioner,

v.

**DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES,**

Respondent.

**Robert P. Avolio**, Esq., for petitioner J.C.

**Elizabeth M. Tingley**, Deputy Attorney General, for respondent, (Matthew J. Platkin,  
Acting Attorney General, State of New Jersey)

**STATEMENT OF THE CASE AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY**

J.C., while employed at a group home operated by Bancroft Neurohealth, was accused of an incident involving the financial exploitation of four individuals receiving services from the Division of Developmental Disabilities on or about, July 17, 2018. The incident was investigated by the Office of Investigations, within the Office of Program Integrity and Accountability (OPIA). The investigation, based upon testimonial and documentary evidence, substantiated the act of financial exploitation in excess of \$100. By letter of November 21, 2019, OPIA notified J.C. of its intention to place him on the Central Registry of Offenders against Individuals with Developmental Disabilities (Central Registry), and of his rights of appeal. On November 28, 2019, S.C. requested an Office of Administrative Law (OAL) hearing to contest his placement on the Central Registry. However, pending the exhaustion of another appeal right, the case was not

transmitted to the OAL for adjudication until June 2, 2021. On December 8, 2019, Petitioner made a restitution payment of \$150 to Bancroft Neurohealth and Bancroft returned the exploited funds to the four individuals involved. Several status conferences were held with the Administrative Law Judge and the parties. On February 24, 2022, the parties executed and signed a settlement agreement that ordered that the OAL case be dismissed with prejudice and that S.C.'s name be placed on the Central Registry on or before March 3, 2022. The finalized settlement agreement was presented to the ALJ, who declared the OAL case was settled. The OAL returned the case file to OPIA marked as dismissed. No initial decision was issued by the ALJ.

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J.C. was represented by council and voluntarily signed the February 24, 2022 settlement agreement of the Office of Administrative Law case. The agreement ordered that the case be dismissed with prejudice. The agreement ordered that J.C.'s name be placed on the Central Registry of Offenders against Individuals with Developmental Disabilities. I **CONCLUDE** and **AFFIRM** that the settlement agreement is fair and binding upon the parties.

**THEREFORE**, it is on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of March, 2022, **ORDERED**:

That the settlement agreement is hereby **ADOPTED** and J.C. shall be placed on the Central Registry, as of the date, March 3, 2022.

Date: March 22, 2022

*Deborah Robinson*

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Deborah Robinson, Director  
Department of Human Services  
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