

The Office of the Inspector General (OIG), Department of Defense (DoD), announced today that on July 21, 2000, Dr. Allen Lee Paris (Paris) of Dunwoody, GA, was convicted by a U.S. District Court trial jury in Springfield, MO, for conspiring to submit false claims to the U.S. Government.

Paris, former owner and operator of Mid America Clinical Laboratories, West Plains, MO, was found guilty of one felony count of conspiracy to defraud Medicare and TRICARE, formerly the Civilian Health and Medical Plan of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS). Evidence presented at the trial showed that Paris conspired to submit fraudulent billings to Medicare and TRICARE from as early as 1987 to 1995 that resulted in overpayments of more than \$200,000.

Paris, at sentencing, faces a maximum sentence of 5 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.