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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**INDIANAPOLIS DOCTOR CHARGED FOR ILLEGALLY
DISTRIBUTING PRESCRIPTION DRUGS**

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that ROBERT C. GREGORI, 48 years old, Indianapolis, Indiana, was charged today with possession with intent to distribute controlled substances, following an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration.

The information alleges that on five separate occasions between October, 2005 and January 2006, Robert C. Gregori, a licensed medical physician in Indiana, and authorized by the DEA to dispense controlled substances, knowingly dispensed OxyContin, a Schedule II Controlled Substance, outside the scope of professional practice and not for a legitimate medical purpose. As a Schedule II Controlled Substance, OxyContin is legally available only when prescribed by a licensed medical physician registered by the United States Drug Enforcement

Administration to dispense Schedule II Controlled Substances. A person authorized and registered to dispense OxyContin violates Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1) when he dispenses OxyContin outside of the usual course of his professional practice and for no legitimate medical purpose.

According to Assistant United States Attorneys Cynthia J. Ridgeway and Winfield Ong, who are prosecuting the case for the government, GREGORI faces a maximum possible prison sentence of 20 years and a maximum possible fine of \$1,000,000. An initial hearing will be scheduled before a U.S. Magistrate Judge in Indianapolis.

The information is an allegation only, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at trial or by guilty plea.

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