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## **INDIANAPOLIS DOCTOR SENTENCED TO 6 YEARS IN PRISON FOR UNLAWFULLY DISPENSING OXYCODONE**

### PRESS RELEASE

Timothy M. Morrison, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that ADOLFO P. HERNANDEZ, 67, Noblesville, Indiana, a medical doctor with an office in Broad Ripple, was sentenced to 72 months imprisonment late yesterday by U.S. District Chief Judge David F. Hamilton following his guilty plea to Unlawfully Dispensing Oxycodone (Percocet), a Schedule II Controlled Substance, outside the scope of professional practice and not for a legitimate medical purpose. This case was the result of a thirteen-month investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration and Indianapolis Metropolitan Drug Task Force. Chief Judge Hamilton also ordered the forfeiture of HERNANDEZ' residence in Noblesville, which was appraised at over \$500,000.00, as well as other assets amounting to more than \$100,000.

HERNANDEZ, a licensed medical physician in the State of Indiana, dispensed Oxycodone outside the scope of his professional practice and not for a legitimate medical purpose from December of 2007 through March of 2008. HERNANDEZ admitted to writing prescriptions to individuals for powerful pain-killing medications such as Oxycodone, Hydrocodone, and Xanax when there was no legitimate medical need to do so.

The Drug Enforcement Administration and the Metropolitan Drug Task Force used undercover officers posing as pill seekers who met with HERNANDEZ seeking prescriptions for pain killing medication. These meetings, which were covertly recorded, showed HERNANDEZ meeting with law enforcement officers and writing prescriptions for Oxycodone and Xanax after the officers paid him \$125 in cash. HERNANDEZ wrote the prescriptions to the officers without performing any medical examinations.

In addition to writing prescriptions to undercover police officers, HERNANDEZ also

wrote prescriptions for individuals who resided in Science Hill, Kentucky, and Somerset, Kentucky which is 250 miles from Indianapolis.

Assistant United States Attorney Barry D. Glickman, who prosecuted the case for the government, said that Chief Judge Hamilton also imposed 6 years supervised release following HERNANDEZ' release from imprisonment. HERNANDEZ' Indiana medical license is currently suspended, pending resolution of this case.

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