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MULTIPLE COUNTERFEIT PRESCRIPTION ARREST

The Baton Rouge Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), along with partner enforcement entities, announced today that 10 individuals have been arrested on charges of Conspiracy to Obtain Controlled Dangerous Substances by Fraud and Conspiracy to Distribute Schedule II, III, IV, and V narcotics.

The Tactical Diversion Squad (TDS) Group 29 drove the efforts, which included local, state and federal agencies working cooperatively to divert the illegal trafficking of pharmaceutical narcotics. Assisting agencies included East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office, Louisiana State Police, Ascension Parish Sheriff's Office, and Iberville Parish Sheriff's Office

The TDS Group 29 conducted an investigation based on assertions from Louisiana physicians who reported that their identities were being used on prescriptions without their knowledge or consent.

The investigation revealed that Luvada Pondexter, 8312 Calverton, Central, Louisiana, 70818, led the efforts while conspiring with multiple individuals. Pondexter and 25 co-conspirators were charged for their involvement in this criminal organization.

During the investigation, TDS Task Force Agents determined that the Pondexter organization was responsible for the production, manufacturing, and utilization of forged prescriptions, which were used to obtain controlled scheduled narcotics. These drugs were then distributed in the Baton Rouge and surrounding area.

This Criminal Organization, by using the fraudulent prescriptions, is believed to have obtained a total of 19,000 dosage units of Schedule II, 13,800 dosage units of Schedule III, 1700 dosage units of Schedule IV, and 15 liters of Schedule V. The estimated street value of the diverted drugs is \$700,000.00.

These individuals have been charged as a result of the investigation:

1. Dylan Kendall BATEMAN, 23 of 10816 Stone Pine Drive Greenwell Springs, LA 70739. Charged with Conspiracy to Obtain CDS by Fraud and Conspiracy to Distribute Schedule II.
2. Michael Stephen CALAMIA, Jr., 23 of 7743 Shady Park Dr. Greenwell Springs, LA 70739. Charged with Conspiracy to Obtain CDS by Fraud and Conspiracy to Distribute Schedule II.
3. Dain J. DEROCHE, 26 of 310 W. Main St. Gramercy, LA 70052. Charged with Conspiracy to Obtain CDS by Fraud, Conspiracy to Distribute Schedule II and Conspiracy to Distribute Schedule IV.

4. Monique L. DUDLEY, 50 of 9147 N. Ridgewood Dr. Baton Rouge, LA 70814. Charged with Conspiracy to Obtain CDS by Fraud, Conspiracy to Distribute Schedule II and Conspiracy to Distribute Schedule IV.
5. Andrew Lloyd GILMORE, 44 of 288 W. Grant St. Baton Rouge, LA 70802. Charged with Conspiracy to Obtain CDS by Fraud, Conspiracy to Distribute Schedule II, Conspiracy to Distribute Schedule IV and Conspiracy to Distribute Schedule V.
6. Roderick Terrell PONDEXTER, 30 of 8312 Calverton Dr. Central, LA 70818. Charged with Conspiracy to Obtain CDS by Fraud, Conspiracy to Distribute Schedule III and Conspiracy to Distribute Schedule IV
7. Julie Beck SCHOPFER, 54 of 14726 Brent Avenue Baton Rouge, LA 70818. Charged with Conspiracy to Obtain CDS by Fraud and Conspiracy to Distribute Schedule II.
8. Christian Noel THIERRY, 39 of 749 N. Carrollton Ave. Apt. 240 Baton Rouge, LA 70806. Charged with Conspiracy to Obtain CDS by Fraud Conspiracy to Distribute Schedule II and Conspiracy to Distribute Schedule V.
9. Bonnie M. TOPPINS, 21 of 5051 Sycamore St. Baton Rouge, LA 70805. Charged with Conspiracy to Obtain CDS by Fraud, Conspiracy to Distribute Schedule III and Conspiracy to Distribute Schedule IV.
10. Robert Elvis WALDON, 70 of 5896 Commerce St. P. O. Box 632 St. Francisville, LA 70775. Charged with Conspiracy to Obtain CDS by Fraud, Conspiracy to Distribute Schedule II, Conspiracy to Distribute Schedule III and Conspiracy to Distribute Schedule V.

This investigation remains ongoing with more arrests possible.

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