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Six more charged in connection with Bridgeport, WV, pain clinic

CLARKSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA - Six additional individuals have been indicted by a federal grand jury in connection with the case of a physician from Bridgeport, West Virginia, who is alleged to have prescribed painkillers for non-legitimate medical purposes.

According to United States Attorney William J. Ihlenfeld, II, the investigation and prosecution of Dr. Edita Milan for the illegal distribution of painkillers has led to five Fairmont, WV, residents being charged along with a man from Tampa, Florida.

Lois Ann CRITES, Andrea Nicole SHEPARD, and Daniel "D.J." QUIRK were each indicted for conspiring with Milan to possess with intent to distribute schedule II & III substances. Crites, 49 years old, Shepard, 23, and Quirk, 29, are all from Fairmont and each face up to 20 years in prison.

By separate indictment, Deborah M. TATE, 56 years old, and Nino L. MANCINO, 42, both of Fairmont, and David S. ROKISKY, 46, of Tampa, were charged with conspiring to possess and distribute hydrocodone. Rokisky faces an additional charge of racketeering, and Tate faces an additional count of possession with intent to distribute hydrocodone. Tate, Mancino, & Rokisky each face up to 10 years in prison.

Milan's charges for conspiracy to distribute schedule II & III substances outside the usual course of a professional medical practice are pending and her trial has been scheduled for January 14, 2014, before United States District Court Judge Irene M. Keeley. Judge Keeley previously issued an order designating the case as complex and thereby extending the deadlines for motions to be filed and hearings to be held.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney John C. Parr. The case is being investigated by the Greater Harrison County Drug and Violent Crimes Task Force, which is comprised of officers and agents from the Bridgeport Police Department, the Clarksburg Police Department, the Drug Enforcement Administration, and the West Virginia State Police, along with support from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and the U.S. Marshals Service.