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19 PLEAD GUILTY IN OPERATION "OXY EXPRESS"

Tampa, FL - United States Attorney A. Brian Albritton announces today that 19 defendants indicted as part of Operation "Oxy Express" have pleaded guilty to distributing oxycodone. Each faces up to 20 years in federal prison. Sentencings are set in late October before United States District Judge Virginia M. Covington. (See attached chart for names and ages of defendants).

According to the defendants' plea agreements, the 19 were part of a highly organized group of individuals headed by Arde Harry Olsen, a/k/a King of Hudson. The group obtained large amounts of oxycodone from various pharmacies throughout the Tampa Bay metropolitan area using the "doctor shopper" method of diversion. Olsen paid "doctor shoppers" to visit doctors and obtain prescriptions for oxycodone. The oxycodone was then rationed out to the "doctor shoppers" to maintain control of the organization and distributed locally and interstate to oxycodone distributors. Olsen primarily used an auto repair shop at 11923 Pine Forest Drive in Hudson and his former residence, on Denton Avenue in Hudson, to conduct the group's oxycodone business.

This case was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and the Pasco County Sheriff's Office, assisted by the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF). It is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Kelley Howard-Allen.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>
Arde Olsen a/k/a Arne Olsen a/k/a King of Hudson	51
Shannon Olsen a/k/a Shannon Armyey	45
Jason Michael Olsen	23
William Joseph Califano a/k/a Billy	29
Earle Monroe Silcox	30
Jessie Krumm	21
Amber Marie Morreale	19
Jerald John Gilio Jr. a/k/a Popeye	33
Anthony Robert Upton a/k/a Ant	28
Donna Jean Bynum a/k/a Fat Donna	31
Debra A. Collins	48
Dannie James Mariedth	50
Sarah Lynn Maynard a/k/a Sara Widemann	25
Joshua McTavish Brown a/k/a Josh	24
Anthony Keith Christian a/k/a Tony	27
Billy Ray Hardin	27
Soni Jo Cheesbrough	27
Dennis Ashley Miller a/k/a Ash	35
Jereme Lee Gould	24