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19 INDIVIDUALS INDICTED AND ARRESTED IN PASCO COUNTY "OPERATION OXY EXPRESS"

Tampa, FL - United States Attorney A. Brian Albritton, together with Mark R. Trouville, Special Agent in Charge, Drug Enforcement Administration, Pasco County Sheriff Bob White, today announced the unsealing of indictments charging 19 individuals, with narcotics charges involving oxycodone (see chart). Local and federal law enforcement officers began arresting the defendants early this morning. They will make their initial appearances this afternoon in federal court in Tampa before Magistrate Judge Mark A. Pizzo at 3:30 p.m. If convicted, each defendant faces a maximum penalty of 20 years in federal prison.

The nineteen defendants are allegedly part of a highly organized group of individuals headed by Arde Harry Olsen, a/k/a King of Hudson. The group allegedly has been obtaining large amounts of Oxycodone from various pharmacies throughout the Tampa Bay metropolitan area using the "doctor shopper" method of diversion. Allegedly, Olsen used an auto repair shop at 11923 Pine Forest Drive in Hudson, Florida primarily to conduct oxycodone trafficking. Olsen allegedly paid "doctor shoppers" to visit doctors and obtain prescriptions for oxycodone. The oxycodone allegedly was then rationed out to the "doctor shoppers" to maintain control of the organization and distributed locally and interstate to oxycodone distribution cells.

This case was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and the Pasco County Sheriff's Office. Also assisting in the investigation were the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office, Pinellas County Sheriff's Office, the Tampa Police Department, the New Port Richey Police Department, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, the U.S. Marshals Service, and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Kelley Howard-Allen.

An indictment is merely a formal charge that a defendant has committed a violation of the federal criminal laws, and every defendant is presumed innocent unless, and until proven guilty.

Operation Oxy Express Defendants	Age
Arde Olsen a/k/a Arne Olsen a/k/a King of Hudson	51
Shannon Olsen a/k/a Shannon Armey	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

