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TAMPA DOCTOR ARRESTED ON OXYCODONE DISTRIBUTION CHARGES

Tampa, FL - United States Attorney A. Brian Albritton announced today the unsealing of an indictment charging Dr. John Rew (age 83, of Tampa) with ten counts of acting outside the scope of professional practice by dispensing and distributing Oxycodone, Hydrocodone, and Alprazolam (generic for Xanax), from his office located at 1005 W. Busch Blvd, Suite 105, Tampa. If convicted, Rew faces maximum penalties of up to 20 years in federal prison for the Oxycodone, 5 years for the Hydrocodone, and 3 years for the Alprazolam. Rew was arrested this morning and will have his initial appearance before U.S. Magistrate Judge Mark A. Pizzo at 3 p.m. today.

This case was investigated by Drug Enforcement Administration(DEA) and the Tampa Police Department. It will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Kelley C. 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 until, and unless, proven guilty.

_____ **NOTE:** In connection with the arrest and indictment of Dr. John Rew for illegal oxycodone distribution/dispensing, patient files from his medical office are currently in the custody of the Tampa Drug Enforcement Administration. Patients can contact the DEA at 813-287-5160 and ask for a law enforcement agent in the Tactical Diversion Squad to obtain information on how to obtain a copy of their medical records that were maintained by Dr. John Rew.