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## **Nicollet man pleads guilty to obtaining a controlled substance through fraud**

A 31-year-old Nicollet man pleaded guilty today in federal court to fraudulently acquiring the narcotic Fentanyl, while employed as a nurse at a Mankato hospital.

Scott Alan Rosendahl pleaded guilty to one count of obtaining a controlled substance through fraud. He entered his plea Oct. 16 in Minneapolis before United States District Court Judge John Tunheim. Rosendahl was charged on Sept. 9.

According to Rosendahl's plea agreement, he admitted fraudulently acquiring and obtaining Fentanyl, a potent narcotic analgesic that is administered intravenously that is used as an analgesic supplement in general or regional anesthesia. Specifically, Rosendahl admitted that he pried opened vials containing Fentanyl, and used syringes to remove portions of it from the vials. In an effort to conceal his actions, Rosendahl admitted that he replaced the removed portions with sterile saline solution.

Rosendahl was employed as a nurse by Immanuel St. Joseph's Mayo Hospital in Mankato since 2002, and had specialized in cardiology since 2003.

Rosendahl faces a potential maximum penalty of four years in prison. Judge Tunheim will determine his sentence at a future date. This case is the result of an investigation by U.S. Food and Drug Administration-Office of Criminal Investigations, the Mankato Public Safety Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration, and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Erika R. Mozangue.