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**FORMER FARMINGTON PHARMACY EMPLOYEE RECEIVES PROBATIONARY SENTENCE FOR UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS**

ALBUQUERQUE – This morning in federal court in Santa Fe, Charlton Dann, 28, of Shiprock, N.M., was sentenced to three years of probation for his unlawful possession of Hydrocodone.

Dann was arrested on a criminal complaint on Oct. 6, 2011, and subsequently was indicted on Oct. 26, 2011, and charged with (1) possession of Hydrocodone with intent to distribute, and (2) acquisition of a controlled substance by misrepresentation, deception, or subterfuge. According to the indictment, Dann committed these offenses on Aug. 29, 2011 in Farmington, N.M.

Court records reflect that, on Aug. 29, 2011, Dann, who was then employed at a Farmington area pharmacy, was involved in an automobile collision. During the investigation of the collision, officers located two pharmacy pill bottles containing a variety of prescription pills in Dann's vehicle. Dann admitted taking the pills from the pharmacy at which he was employed.

Dann pled guilty to Count 1 of the indictment on Jan. 6, 2012. In his plea agreement, Dann admitted to possession of the 149 prescription pills containing Hydrocodone recovered by officers on Aug. 29, 2011, when he was involved in a traffic accident. Dann also admitted that he intended to distribute the pills to another person.

Under the terms of the plea agreement, Count 2 of the indictment was dismissed after Dann was sentenced.

U.S. Attorney Kenneth J. Gonzales said that the case was investigated by the DEA and the San Juan County Sheriff's Office, and was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jack E. Burkhead.

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