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LISA BLACK SENTENCED TO ONE YEAR IMPRISONMENT

ANDREW T. BAXTER, Acting United States Attorney, Northern District of New York, announces that **LISA BLACK**, age 44, was sentenced today in U.S. District Court in Binghamton to one year imprisonment, followed by four years of supervised release. **LISA BLACK** previously pled guilty to an Indictment, which charged her with conspiring to: (1) distribute and possess with intent to distribute prescription drugs; and (2) acquiring or obtaining possession of these drugs by misrepresentation, fraud, forgery, deception and subterfuge, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 846, 841, and 843 (a) (3).

As part of her plea, **LISA BLACK** admitted, among other things, to the following: (1) She and here husband, **DR. HARRY BLACK**, conspired with numerous others to obtain copious amounts of the prescription drugs to feed their drug habits; (2) To advance this scheme, **DR. HARRY BLACK** enlisted the assistance of multiple patients and others to fill medical prescriptions he had written for them, often with no medical necessity, with the understanding that at least a portion of the drugs obtained with those prescriptions would be given back to **DR. HARRY BLACK** or **LISA BLACK**.; (3) **DR. HARRY BLACK** routinely used his office at 659 West Onondaga Street, Syracuse, New York, to issue these bogus prescriptions, in the process falsifying the patient medical records by making false diagnoses in an effort to justify the prescriptions issued; (4) By way of example, it was commonplace for **DR. HARRY BLACK** to falsely and fraudulently note in patient medical records that the patient/co-conspirator suffered from Attention Deficit Disorder in order to justify the issuance of amphetamine-based narcotics; (5) **DR. HARRY BLACK** also routinely met patients/co-conspirators at his residence at 6003 Westcliffe Road, Jamesville, New York, to issue bogus prescriptions to them; (6) Once the prescriptions were issued, the patients/co-conspirators would get them filled and then transfer some or all of these narcotics back to **DR. HARRY BLACK** or **LISA BLACK**.; (7) It was commonplace for the patients/co-conspirators to meet with **DR. HARRY BLACK** and/or **LISA BLACK** at their residence at 6003 Westcliffe Road, Jamesville, New York, to deliver these drugs to them.; (8) **DR. HARRY BLACK** and **LISA BLACK** occasionally ingested the drugs with the patients/co-conspirators at their home at 6003 Westcliffe Road, Jamesville, New York.; and (9) **LISA BLACK**, on occasion, filled prescriptions for the above-noted narcotics issued in other people's names, often without the knowledge and consent of those persons, and kept those narcotics for use by herself and **DR. HARRY BLACK, M.D.**

As part of her plea agreement, **LISA BLACK** admitted that through her role in this conspiracy she is accountable for 137 grams of amphetamine-based drugs.

As part of the sentence imposed today, **LISA BLACK** was ordered to forfeit any right, title or interest in her home at 6003 Westcliffe Road, Dewitt, after the Court found that she used the home to facilitate her criminal conduct in this matter.

DR. HARRY BLACK was sentenced on January 30, 2009 to four years imprisonment followed by four years of supervised release for his role in this conspiracy. He was also ordered to forfeit any right, title or interest in their home at 6003 Westcliffe Road and his medical office at 659 West Onondaga Street. **DR. HARRY BLACK** was also ordered to forfeit his New York State medical license and his DEA license to issue narcotic drugs. Lastly, he was ordered to pay \$38,957.35 in restitution.

This prosecution resulted from a joint investigation conducted by the New York State Department of Health, Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement, the Onondaga County Sheriff's Department, and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA).

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney, John M. Katko. Further questions or inquiries may be directed to him at (315) 448-0916.

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