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**SEARCY DOCTOR ARRESTED  
AND CHARGED WITH TAKING ILLEGAL PAYMENTS**

**Little Rock** – Bud Cummins, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Arkansas, William C. Temple, Special Agent-in-Charge, Little Rock Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Timothy J. Menke, Special Agent-in-Charge, Dallas Regional Office of the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General, announced today the arrest of Dr. Patrick Chan, age 42, of Searcy, Arkansas. Dr. Chan has been charged by Complaint with a violation of Title 42 United States Code Section 1320a - 7b, soliciting and receiving remunerations. If convicted of this offense, Dr. Chan faces up to five years imprisonment, a \$25,000 fine, or both.

Under federal law, defendants charged by complaint must be indicted by the next sitting federal grand jury or the Complaint is dismissed. It is therefore anticipated that Dr. Chan's case will be presented before the grand jury in the coming weeks.

Chan is currently in detention. Judge J. Thomas Ray will hold a detention hearing in his courtroom (#155) at the Federal Courthouse at 3 p.m. today to determine whether he will be released or continue to be detained.

Chan carries a Canadian passport and may also be either a current or former citizen of Malaysia.

A Complaint contains only allegations. The defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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