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PODIATRIST ARRESTED IN DRUG DISTRIBUTION SCHEME

Atlanta, GA - STEVEN HOLLANDER, 46, of Atlanta has been indicted by a federal grand jury on charges of conspiring to distribute Schedule III and IV narcotics. HOLLANDER was arrested on May 14, 2007, as federal agents executed a search warrant for his home. HOLLANDER was arraigned today before United States Magistrate Judge E. Clayton Scofield III.

United States Attorney David E. Nahmias said, "HOLLANDER allegedly used his position as a podiatrist to obtain massive quantities of Hydrocodone, Diazepam, Lorazepam and Alprazolam, all Schedule III and IV controlled substances. He then allegedly shipped the narcotics to drug traffickers in Florida who, in turn, sold the drugs on the street, netting the defendants in this case huge profits."

According to United States Attorney Nahmias, the charges and other information presented in court, HOLLANDER allegedly is a podiatrist assigned a DEA registration number to handle Schedule II through V controlled substances. In late March, 2007, the Drug Enforcement Administration was notified of HOLLANDER's suspicious purchase of narcotics. A search of DEA databases revealed that during 2006, HOLLANDER ordered approximately 202,500 dosage units of Hydrocodone, which is more dosage units than any other podiatrist registered with the DEA in the United States. The next highest amount ordered by a registered podiatrist in 2006 was 52,500.

After receiving the narcotics, HOLLANDER allegedly would then mail or ship the drugs via UPS to drug traffickers in Fort Lauderdale and Miami. A search of one drug trafficker's home in Miami netted a cache of pills as well as four handguns, an AR-15 rifle and a grenade launcher.

The indictment charges one count of conspiracy to distribute narcotics. In addition to HOLLANDER, GARY RANDOM, JULIO JEVELES and SABRINA MUSSELMAN, all of Miami, were also indicted. The charge carries a maximum sentence of 5 years in prison and a fine of up to \$250,000.

This case is being investigated by Special Agents of the Drug Enforcement Administration.

Assistant United States Attorney Kurt R. Erskine is prosecuting the case.

Members of the public are reminded that the indictment contains only allegations. A defendant is presumed innocent of the charges and it will be the government's burden to prove a defendant's guilt beyond a reasonable doubt at trial.

The U.S. Attorney's Office in Atlanta recommends parents and children learn about the dangers of drugs at the following web site: www.justthinktwice.com.

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