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CLINTON PHYSICIAN SENTENCED TO PRISON

DAVENPORT, IA — On July 13, 2011, Luis Barrios, 68, a former physician practicing medicine in Clinton, Iowa, was sentenced in federal court in Davenport, Iowa, for eighteen counts of distribution of a controlled substance not for a legitimate medical purpose and outside the scope of legitimate medical practice announced United States Attorney Nicholas A. Klinefeldt. The sentencing hearing was held before the Honorable John A. Jarvey, United States District Court for the Southern District of Iowa. Judge Jarvey denied Mr. Barrios's request for a probationary sentence, and imposed a sentence of 12 months and 1 day in federal prison followed by 2 years of supervised release.

On September 10, 2009, an eighteen-count Indictment was returned against Luis Barrios charging him with distribution of controlled substances: methadone, oxycodone, amphetamine, adderall, and hydrocodone, not for a legitimate medical purpose and outside the scope of legitimate medical practice. On June 2, 2011, Barrios entered guilty pleas to all eighteen counts. At the sentencing hearing, Judge Jarvey found that Barrios's conduct was serious because he abused his position as a physician by prescribing drugs to a vulnerable victim and did it repeatedly. Accordingly, Judge Jarvey concluded that a sentence to prison was appropriate.

This case was prosecuted by the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Iowa, and was investigated by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, Office of Diversion Control, and the Clinton Police Department.

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