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## **Duluth woman pleads guilty to distributing Oxycontin**

Earlier today in federal court in Duluth, a 33-year-old Duluth woman pleaded guilty to distributing the narcotic Oxycontin from January of 2007 through May of 2010. Tinamarie James Nelson pleaded guilty to one count of distribution of oxycodone, the narcotic found in the prescription drug Oxycontin. Nelson, who was indicted on February 8, 2011, entered her plea before United States District Court Judge Donovan W. Frank.

In her plea agreement, Nelson admitted that from January of 2007 through May of 2010, she distributed Oxycontin. In addition, she admitted filling her Oxycontin prescriptions monthly at several pharmacies in Duluth, as well as obtaining the drug from other sources. In total, Nelson admitted distributing at least 3,200 Oxycontin tablets, containing a total of at least 208 grams of oxycodone.

For her crime, Nelson faces a potential maximum penalty of 20 years in prison. Judge Frank will determine her sentence at a future hearing, yet to be scheduled. This case is the result of an investigation by the Minnesota Criminal Bureau of Apprehension. It is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Allen A. Slaughter.

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