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Duluth woman sentenced for distributing Oxycontin

MINNEAPOLIS – Yesterday in federal court in Duluth, a 33-year-old Duluth woman was sentenced for distributing the narcotic Oxycontin from January of 2007 through May of 2010. On October 24, 2011, United States District Court Judge Donovan W. Frank sentenced Tinamarie James Nelson to 16 months in prison on one count of distribution of oxycodone, the narcotic found in the prescription drug Oxycontin. Nelson was indicted on February 8, 2011, and pleaded guilty on May 4, 2011.

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.

This case was the result of an investigation by the Minnesota Criminal Bureau of Apprehension. It was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Allen A. Slaughter.

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