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Assisted living care provider sentenced for taking narcotics from patients

MINNEAPOLIS – Yesterday in federal court in St. Paul, a care provider at a senior assisted living facility in Burnsville was sentenced for taking prescribed narcotics from patients. On October 24, 2011, United States District Court Judge Susan Richard Nelson sentenced Margaret Alice Mammen, age 54, no known address, to three years of probation with 90 days to be served in a halfway house, followed by an additional 90 days of home confinement on one count of obtaining a controlled substance by fraud. Mammen was charged on April 12, 2011, and pleaded guilty on May 3, 2011.

In her plea agreement, Mammen admitted that from September 22 through October 8, 2009, she stole Oxycontin from patient rooms for her personal use, replacing the drug with ibuprofen.

This case was the result of an investigation by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration-Criminal Investigation Division, the Burnsville Police Department, and the Minnesota Department of Health. It was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Kimberly A. Svendsen.

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