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Nurse charged with stealing narcotics from patients

MINNEAPOLIS—Earlier this week in federal court, a 40-year-old nurse employed at a senior care assisted living facility was charged with stealing the narcotic Percocet. On August 30, 2011, Bert Allen Sieler, of Coon Rapids, was charged via an Information with one count of obtaining a controlled substance by fraud.

Allegedly, in February of 2011, Sieler obtained the Percocet intended for patients by removing it from patient medication bottles and replacing it with acetaminophen, commonly sold as Tylenol.

If convicted, Sieler faces a potential maximum penalty of four years in prison. All sentences will be determined by a federal district court judge. This case is the result of an investigation by the United States Food and Drug Administration-Office of Criminal Investigations, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration and the Minneapolis Police Department. It is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Kimberly A. Svendsen.

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A defendant, of course, is presumed innocent until he or she pleads guilty or is proven guilty at trial.