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## Washington Township Doctor Sentenced to 57 Months In Prison for Illegally Dispensing Oxycodone

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CAMDEN – A Washington Township, Gloucester County, doctor was sentenced to 57 months in federal prison today for illegally selling prescriptions for oxycodone without a legitimate medical purpose and outside the usual course of professional practice, Acting U.S. Attorney Ralph J. Marra, Jr. announced.

U.S. District Judge Renée M. Bumb also ordered Dr. Pravin Vasoya, 41, of Mt. Laurel, to pay a \$10,000 fine and to serve four years of supervised release upon the completion of his prison term. Judge Bumb continued the defendant's release on a \$500,000 secured bond pending his surrender to officials with the U.S. Bureau of Prisons, on a date to be determined by prison authorities.

On Oct. 3, 2008, Vasoya, who had maintained a practice as a specialist in neurology and neuropathic pain management at Washington Township Neurological Associates, P.C. located in Washington Township, pleaded guilty before Judge Bumb.

At his plea hearing, Vasoya admitted that on April 29, 2008, he met with an individual, who he later learned was an undercover police officer, in a parking lot at a Pep Boys automotive store in Turnersville, for the purpose of selling him prescriptions for controlled substances. During the meeting, Vasoya agreed to sell the undercover officer four prescriptions for controlled substances in exchange for \$3,000, he admitted. Vasoya admitted that he wrote the prescriptions in the names that were provided to him by the undercover police officer. Vasoya provided the undercover police officer with two prescriptions for ninety tablets of 40 mg. of Oxycontin and with two prescriptions for sixty tablets of 30 mg. of Roxicodone in exchange for the cash payment, he admitted.

Furthermore, Vasoya admitted that he also sold prescriptions to the undercover police officer on April 7, April 10 and May 28 for Oxycontin and Roxicodone pills.

Vasoya was arrested at his home on June 12, 2008, and later that day had an initial appearance before U.S. Magistrate Joel Schneider in federal court in Camden.

In determining the actual sentence, Judge Bumb consulted the advisory U.S. Sentencing Guidelines, which provide appropriate sentencing ranges that take into account the severity and characteristics of the offense, the defendant's criminal history, if any, and other factors. The judge, however, is not bound by those guidelines in determining a sentence.

Parole has been abolished in the federal system. Defendants who are given custodial terms must serve nearly all that time.

Marra credited Special Agents of the DEA, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Gerard P. McAleer in Newark, Police Officers with the Washington Township Police Department, under the direction of Chief Rafael Muniz, and Investigators with the Gloucester County Prosecutor's Office, under the direction of Prosecutor Sean Dalton, with the investigation into illegal distribution of oxycodone.

The Government is represented by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Matthew Skahill and Matthew Smith of the Criminal Division in Camden.

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Defense Attorney: Morris W. Pinsky, Esq. Haddon Township