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TWO MEN CHARGED WITH BURGLARIZING MIDDLEPORT PHARMACY

BUFFALO, N.Y.--U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that William H. Chapple, III, 45, of Lockport, N.Y., and Cody S. Broecker, 21, of North Tonawanda, N.Y., were arrested in Klamath Falls, Oregon, and charged by criminal complaint with burglarizing, and conspiring to burglarize, a pharmacy and possession with intent to distribute, and conspiring with intent to distribute, the prescription drugs stolen during the burglary. The possession with intent to distribute charges carry a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison and a \$1,000,000 fine. The burglary charges carry a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Frank T. Pimentel, who is handling the case, stated that on August 12, 2012, the Middleport Family Health Center was burglarized and between 15,000 and 20,000 pills were stolen. According to the criminal complaint, two days later, on August 14, Niagara County Sheriff's deputies learned from an informant that the defendants committed the burglary. Deputies executed a search warrant at Chapple's Lockport home where they found hundreds of prescription tablets and capsules that had been stolen from the Middleport Family Health Center.

The complaint further states that Chapple and Broecker fled Western New York. The defendants were arrested in Klamath Falls, Oregon and will make an initial appearance at a date and time to be determined at the United States Courthouse in Medford, Oregon.

The criminal complaint is the result of an investigation on the part of the United States Drug Enforcement Administration, under the direction of Brian R. Crowell, Special Agent in Charge, New York Field Division, the Niagara County Sheriff's Department, under the direction of Sheriff James Votour, and the Buffalo Police Department, under the direction of Commissioner Daniel Derenda.

The fact that a defendant has been charged with a crime is merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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