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DOCTOR PLEADS GUILTY TO ILLEGAL DRUG DISTRIBUTION

PHILADELPHIA - Lewis Meyer Jacobs, 79, of Philadelphia, PA, pleaded guilty Monday to conspiracy to distribute and to possess with intent to distribute, and actual distribution of frequently-abused controlled substances, including Percocet and OxyContin, announced United States Attorney Zane David Memeger. Jacobs admitted that he operated his medical practice as a pill mill, between at least 2005 and May 2010, during which he sold sham prescriptions to drug dealers and addicts, paid a drug-dealing office employee in prescriptions, and also issued prescriptions to a drug-dealing paramour. He would typically charge about \$50 in cash per sham prescription. Scores of customers would visit his office, often for as little as two minutes per visit. Over the years, Jacobs earned at least \$1,261,080 in drug proceeds.

Jacobs will be sentenced December 8, 2011. He faces a statutory maximum sentence of 40 years in prison, a minimum of three years of supervised release, a fine of up to \$2 million, a \$200 special assessment, and forfeiture of at least \$1,261,080.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Alexander T.H. Nguyen and Andrea G. Foulkes.

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