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**CO-CONSPIRATOR SENTENCED IN FAKE DRUG CASE**

PHILADELPHIA - Brian Parker, 28, of Brielle, NJ, was sentenced today to 46 months in prison for conspiracy to misbrand drugs and impede the lawful functioning of the FDA. Parker and his co-defendant Michelle Pfeiffer offered prescription drugs for sale, over the internet, without prescriptions, including Cialis, Viagra and a drug that they named "Superman," which Parker described as a combination of Cialis and Viagra. Other drugs which the defendants offered for sale were "GHRP-6" or "Growth Hormone Releasing Agent Protein," and "IGF" or "Insulin Growth Factor," both of which were peptide or protein-based drugs popular with body builders for increasing strength and muscle mass but which were never approved by the FDA for any indication. The couple distributed \$226,034 worth of fake, misbranded drugs to thousands of individuals across the United States and Canada.

The defendants manufactured the drugs in their residence by converting bulk active and inactive ingredients into capsules or tablets, creating labels bearing false or misleading information for the misbranded drugs, and would then ship the drugs to customers throughout the United States. Parker pleaded guilty to conspiracy, failure to register an establishment in which drugs are manufactured or prepared, and 13 counts of introduction of misbranded drugs in interstate commerce.

In addition to the prison term, U.S. District Court Judge Barclay R. Surrick ordered Parker to pay a special assessment of \$1,500 and to complete three years supervised release.

The case was investigated by the Food and Drug Administration-Office of Criminal Investigations and the United States Postal Inspection Service. It is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Joan E. Burnes.

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