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OWNER OF JUSTICE MEDICAL COMPLEX SENTENCED FOR MISUSE OF A DEA REGISTRATION NUMBER AND DEFRAUDING THE MEDICARE PROGRAM

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – Cameron J. Justice, 30, of Crum, West Virginia, was sentenced today by United States District Judge John T. Copenhaver, Jr. to 30 months in prison for conspiring to misuse a DEA registration number to distribute controlled substances, and for defrauding the Medicare program.

Justice, president/owner of Justice Medical Complex (JMC), LLC, located in Mingo County, West Virginia, previously pleaded guilty in March 2010, admitting he and others employed by the JMC knowingly used the DEA registration number issued to another person to distribute controlled substances, such as hydrocodone and alprazolam. Justice further admitted that from 2005 to March 2009, he knowingly allowed the clinic to defraud the Medicare program by falsely billing for services personally performed by physicians, which were not, in fact, performed by physicians. According to Court documents, patients of the JMC did not normally meet with physicians, but instead were sometimes given face-to-face examinations and evaluations by nurse practitioners employed by the clinic. As a result, Justice caused the Medicare program to pay approximately \$289,000 as a result of fraudulent billing.

The Drug Enforcement Administration, West Virginia State Police, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office of Inspector General (OIG), and the Federal Bureau of Investigation conducted the investigation. AUSA Monica Schwartz handled the prosecution.