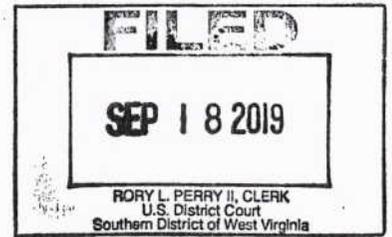


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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA  
CHARLESTON GRAND JURY 2019  
SEPTEMBER 17, 2019 SESSION



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

CRIMINAL NO. 3:19-00239  
21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1)

RICKY L. HOUDERSHELDT, D.O.

## INDICTMENT

The Grand Jury Charges:

### BACKGROUND

At all times material to this Indictment:

1. Defendant RICKY L. HOUDERSHELDT, D.O., was a doctor of osteopathic medicine licensed to practice medicine in the State of West Virginia.

2. Defendant RICKY L. HOUDERSHELDT, D.O., had an active Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) registration number that allowed him to prescribe controlled substances, including Schedule II and III controlled substances, for legitimate medical purposes in the usual course of his professional medical practice and within the bounds of medical practice.

### COUNTS ONE THROUGH SIX (Illegal Drug Distributions)

3. On or about the dates set forth below, in Putnam County, West Virginia, within the Southern District of West Virginia, defendant RICKY L. HOUDERSHELDT, D.O., knowingly and intentionally distributed a quantity of a controlled substance, as identified in the chart below,

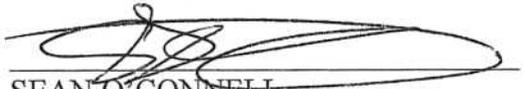
not for legitimate medical purposes in the usual course of professional medical practice and beyond the bounds of medical practice:

<b>COUNT</b>	<b>PATIENT INITIALS</b>	<b>DATE PRESCRIPTION ISSUED</b>	<b>LOCATION PRESCRIPTION ISSUED</b>	<b>CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE AND SCHEDULE</b>
1	D.L.	6/8/18	Dollar General 3554 Teays Valley Rd Hurricane, WV	Acetaminophen Oxycodone, Schedule II
2	D.L.	7/10/18	Speedway 2399 US Route 60 Hurricane, WV	Acetaminophen Oxycodone, Schedule II
3	D.L.	8/22/18	Sheetz 104 Route 19 Hurricane, WV	Acetaminophen Hydrocodone, Schedule II
4	D.L.	9/20/18	K-Mart 169 Great Teays Blvd Scott Depot, WV	Acetaminophen Oxycodone, Schedule II
5	D.L.	10/7/18	Dollar General 3554 Teays Valley Rd Hurricane, WV	Acetaminophen Codeine Phosphate, Schedule III
6	D.L.	11/20/18	Hurricane City Park 3511 State Route 34 Hurricane, WV	Acetaminophen Codeine Phosphate, Schedule III

All in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1).

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RICKY L. HOUDERSHELDT

An indictment was returned today by the Grand Jury for the United States District Court for the Southern District of West Virginia meeting at Charleston charging the above defendant with violation of federal law in connection with distribution of controlled substances, in violation of 21 USC 841(a)(1).

Pertinent information concerning the defendant is set forth below:

DEFENDANT'S NAME: RICKY L. HOUDERSHELDT

AGE:

MARRIED Yes

EMPLOYER (If known):

INVESTIGATING AGENCY: **DEA**

CHARGES: 21 USC 841(a)(1)

POSSIBLE PENALTY: 20 years, \$1 Million Fine

MICHAEL B. STUART  
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA

PLEASE NOTE: The Fifth Amendment and applicable Federal law gives a criminal defendant a personal right of Indictment by grand jury for Federal crimes punishable by more than one year imprisonment. An Indictment is a formal, written accusation by a grand jury. An Indictment is not proof of guilt, and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless the defendant is found guilty.