

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE
COLUMBIA DIVISION

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)

v.)

DARREL R. RINEHART)

No.)

1 - 19 - 00008

21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1)

INDICTMENT

THE GRAND JURY CHARGES:

Introduction

At all times material to this Indictment:

1. **DARREL R. RINEHART** was an internist who was licensed by the State of Tennessee Department of Health, Board of Examiners as a medical doctor under license number 15431 on August 17, 1984.

2. As part of his practice, **DARREL R. RINEHART** prescribed controlled substances, including highly addictive opioids, with his Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) license under DEA License Number AR1715068.

3. Under the Controlled Substances Act, Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a) et seq., and Title 21, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1306.04, a prescription for a controlled substance is not legal or effective unless issued for a legitimate medical purpose by a practitioner acting in the usual course of professional practice.

4. **DARREL R. RINEHART** routinely prescribed various Schedule II controlled substances, including morphine sulfate, hydrocodone, oxycodone, and dextroamphetamine for his patients outside the usual course of professional practice and without a legitimate medical purpose.

5. Patients A, B, C and D, who were actively being seen as patients by **DARREL R. RINEHART**, passed away.

6. On or about November 27, 2018, the Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners suspended **DARREL R. RINEHART**'s Tennessee medical license until May 31, 2019, at which time his Tennessee license would expire. **DARREL R. RINEHART** was also prohibited from renewing his Tennessee license or applying for a new license in Tennessee.

COUNTS 1 through 19

7. Paragraphs 1 through 6 are re-alleged and incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.

8. On or about the dates set forth in each count below, in the Middle District of Tennessee,

DARREL R. RINEHART

did knowingly, intentionally, and without authority, distribute a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of morphine sulfate, oxycodone, hydrocodone, and dextroamphetamine, all Schedule II controlled substances, as listed below, without a legitimate medical purpose and outside the usual course of professional practice, each of which constitutes a separate count of this Indictment:

Count	Approximate Date of Distribution	Patient	Controlled Substance
1	January 21, 2016	Patient A	Hydrocodone
2	December 23, 2015	Patient A	Hydrocodone
3	November 25, 2015	Patient A	Hydrocodone
4	October 28, 2015	Patient A	Hydrocodone

Count	Approximate Date of Distribution	Patient	Controlled Substance
5	September 28, 2015	Patient A	Hydrocodone
6	August 27, 2015	Patient A	Hydrocodone
7	July 21, 2015	Patient B	Oxycodone
8	July 21, 2015	Patient B	Oxycodone
9	June 19, 2015	Patient B	Oxycodone
10	April 20, 2015	Patient B	Oxycodone
11	March 20, 2015	Patient B	Oxycodone
12	March 20, 2015	Patient B	Oxycodone
13	January 28, 2015	Patient C	Hydrocodone
14	December 4, 2014	Patient C	Hydrocodone
15	December 18, 2015	Patient D	Morphine Sulfate
16	November 27, 2015	Patient D	Dextroamphetamine
17	October 22, 2015	Patient D	Oxycodone
18	October 14, 2015	Patient D	Oxycodone
19	October 14, 2015	Patient D	Morphine Sulfate

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

A TRUE BILL


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