

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF KENTUCKY
LOUISVILLE DIVISION

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U.S. DISTRICT COURT
WEST'N. DIST. KENTUCKY

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

MEREDITH RACHAEL DOUGLASS

INDICTMENT

NO. 3:26-cr-75-RGJ

18 U.S.C. § 2
18 U.S.C. § 670
18 U.S.C. § 1035
21 U.S.C. § 843
21 U.S.C. § 846
21 U.S.C. § 853

BACKGROUND

1. **MEREDITH RACHAEL DOUGLASS** was a Registered Nurse (“RN”), having obtained her Kentucky RN license number 1167150 on or about May 6, 2020. Kentucky RN license number 1167150 was a “multistate” license giving **MEREDITH RACHAEL DOUGLASS** the ability to practice as an RN in forty states.

2. In November 2024 and December 2024, **MEREDITH RACHAEL DOUGLASS** was employed by Hospital 1 as an RN, in Jefferson County, Kentucky. Hospital 1 operates in interstate commerce.

3. On or about May 15, 2025, **MEREDITH RACHAEL DOUGLASS** was employed by Hospital 2 as an RN, in Jefferson County, Kentucky. Hospital 2 operates in interstate commerce.

4. While employed by Hospital 1 and Hospital 2, **MEREDITH RACHAEL DOUGLASS** used her position as a Kentucky-licensed RN to obtain controlled substances reserved for dispensation to patients of Hospital 1 and Hospital 2.

The Grand Jury charges:

COUNT 1

(Theft of Medical Products)

5. On or about May 15, 2025, in the Western District of Kentucky, Jefferson County, Kentucky, the defendant, **MEREDITH RACHAEL DOUGLASS**, did knowingly and unlawfully embezzle, steal, or by fraud or deception obtain, and conceal a pre-retail medical product, using a means and facility of interstate commerce, to wit: **MEREDITH RACHAEL DOUGLASS** was employed by Hospital 2, an organization in the supply chain for fentanyl, when she took, carried away and concealed fentanyl from Hospital 2, prior to the fentanyl being made available for retail purchase by a consumer.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 670(a)(1), 670(b)(1), and 670(c)(3).

The Grand Jury further charges:

COUNT 2

(Acquiring and Attempting to Acquire a Controlled Substance by Misrepresentation, Fraud, Deception, or Subterfuge)

6. On or about May 15, 2025, in the Western District of Kentucky, Jefferson County, Kentucky, the defendant, **MEREDITH RACHAEL DOUGLASS**, knowingly and intentionally acquired, obtained, and attempted to acquire and obtain possession of a controlled substance by misrepresentation, fraud, forgery, deception and subterfuge, to wit: **MEREDITH RACHAEL DOUGLASS**, while employed by Hospital 2 as an RN, used her position to steal fentanyl, a Schedule II controlled substance, designated for patient use only, by misrepresentation, fraud, forgery, deception, or subterfuge in that she acquired the fentanyl by falsely representing the fentanyl was for patient M.S., when she had not administered fentanyl to patient M.S.

In violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 843(a)(3) and 846.

The Grand Jury further charges:

COUNT 3

(False Statements Relating to Health Care Matters)

7. On or about May 15, 2025, in the Western District of Kentucky, Jefferson County, Kentucky, the defendant, **MEREDITH RACHAEL DOUGLASS**, in a matter involving a health care benefit program affecting commerce, did knowingly and willfully make and use a materially false, fictitious, and fraudulent statement, and entry in connection with the delivery of and payment for health care benefits, items, and services, to wit: **MEREDITH RACHAEL DOUGLASS**, while employed by Hospital 2 as an RN, falsely documented vital signs and fentanyl administration for patient M.S. after she had been discharged from Hospital 2.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1035(a)(2).

The Grand Jury further charges:

COUNTS 4-10

(Acquiring and Attempting to Acquire a Controlled Substance by Misrepresentation, Fraud, Deception, or Subterfuge)

8. On or about and between November 18, 2024, through December 12, 2024, in the Western District of Kentucky, Jefferson County, Kentucky, the defendant, **MEREDITH RACHAEL DOUGLASS**, while employed by Hospital 1 as an RN, did knowingly and intentionally acquire, obtain, and attempt to acquire and obtain possession of the following Schedule II controlled substances, by misrepresentation, fraud, forgery, deception, and subterfuge:

Count	Date	Patient	Controlled Substance
4	11/18/2024	L.D.	Oxycodone (commonly brand-named Percocet)
5	12/9/2024	A.B.	Hydromorphone Hydrochloride (commonly brand-named Dilaudid)
6	12/9/2024	M.P.	Hydromorphone Hydrochloride (commonly brand-named Dilaudid)

7	12/9/2024	C.V.	Hydromorphone Hydrochloride (commonly brand-named Dilaudid)
8	12/12/2024	T.J.	Fentanyl Citrate (commonly brand-named Sublimaze)
9	12/12/2024	K.P.	Hydromorphone Hydrochloride (commonly brand-named Dilaudid)
10	12/12/2024	M.R.	Hydromorphone Hydrochloride (commonly brand-named Dilaudid)

In violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 843(a)(3) and 846.

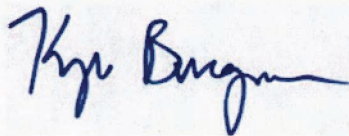
NOTICE OF FORFEITURE

If convicted of any violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 843 and 846, the defendant, **MEREDITH RACHAEL DOUGLASS**, shall forfeit to the United States any property constituting or derived from any proceeds obtained, directly or indirectly, as the result of any such violation, and any property used or intended to be used, in any manner or part, to commit or to facilitate the commission of such violation, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853. The property to be forfeited includes, but is not limited to, the following: the forfeiture of Defendant's Kentucky nursing license to wit, Registered Nurse (RN) license number 1167150, as property used, or intended to be used, in any manner or part, to commit, or to facilitate the commission of, the offense.

A TRUE BILL.

Redacted

FOREPERSON



KYLE G. BUMGARNER
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

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