UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

MIDDLE DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

INDICTMENT FOR CONSPIRACY TO ACQUIRE AND OBTAIN CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES BY FRAUD, OBTAINING POSSESSION OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES BY FRAUD, AND NOTICE OF FORFEITURE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	:	CRIMINAL NO. 26-72-JWD-RLB
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versus	:	21 U.S.C. § 846
	:	21 U.S.C. § 843(a)(3)
KENDRICK DERRELL ADAMS	:	18 U.S.C. § 2
	:	21 U.S.C. § 853

THE GRAND JURY CHARGES:

At all times relevant to this Indictment:

The Controlled Substances Act

1. The Controlled Substances Act ("CSA"), Title 21, United States Code, Section 801 *et seq.*, governed the distribution and dispensing of controlled substances by physicians and other licensed health care professionals.

2. The CSA assigned legal authority for the regulation of controlled substances to the United States Drug Enforcement Administration ("DEA").

3. The DEA issued registration numbers to qualifying persons who were authorized to prescribe, dispense, and administer controlled substances. In order to issue a prescription for a controlled substance, a physician or other health care professional had to be licensed to practice by a state authority and had to possess a DEA registration number.

4. Similarly, the United States Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services issued licensed medical providers a National Provider Identifier ("NPI") number, which was a unique number tied to a specific medical provider.

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5. The CSA and its implementing regulations set forth which drugs and other substances were defined by law as "controlled substances."

6. Controlled substances were assigned to one of five schedules, Schedule I, II, III, IV, or V, depending on their potential for abuse, likelihood of physical or psychological dependency, accepted medical use, and accepted safety for use under medical supervision. Controlled substances could only be dispensed with a valid prescription. A valid prescription was a prescription issued for a legitimate medical purpose in the usual course of professional practice by a physician or other health care professional after he or she conducted at least one personal medical evaluation.

The Defendant

7. Defendant **KENDRICK DERRELL ADAMS** (hereinafter, "**ADAMS**") was a resident of Houston, Texas.

Relevant Individuals and Entities

8. Conspirator-1, a person unknown to the Grand Jury, was an individual who conspired with **ADAMS** to commit the acts charged in Count 1 below.

9. Pharmacy-1 was a pharmacy located in New Roads, Louisiana.

10. J.A. was a licensed medical provider practicing in or around Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

11. A.W. was a purported patient for whom at least one prescription was ordered and obtained from Pharmacy-1.

COUNT 1
Conspiracy to Acquire and Obtain Possession of Controlled Substances By Fraud
(21 U.S.C. § 846)

12. Paragraphs 1 through 11 of this Indictment are re-alleged and incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.

13. Beginning at least in or around September 2024, and continuing through in or around December 2024, in the Middle District of Louisiana and elsewhere, the defendant, **ADAMS**, did knowingly and willfully conspire and agree with others, both known and unknown to the Grand Jury, including Conspirator-1, to knowingly and intentionally acquire and obtain possession of controlled substances, including promethazine with codeine, a Schedule V controlled substance, by misrepresentation, fraud, forgery, deception, and subterfuge, specifically, by using a fraudulent prescription to obtain a controlled substance, contrary to Title 21, United States Code, Section 843(a)(3).

Object of the Conspiracy

14. The object and purpose of the conspiracy was to obtain and acquire controlled substances by misrepresentation, fraud, forgery, deception, and subterfuge.

Manner and Means of the Conspiracy

15. In order to accomplish the object and purpose of the conspiracy, the defendant used, and caused others to use, the following manner and means, among others:

a. **ADAMS** and other conspirators presented and caused to be presented fictitious identification information to acquire and obtain fraudulent prescriptions for controlled substances.

b. **ADAMS** and other conspirators obtained and acquired controlled-substance prescriptions by using the DEA registration and NPI numbers of J.A. without his/her knowledge or consent.

c. **ADAMS** and other conspirators obtained and acquired controlled-substance prescriptions that were ordered for purported patients such as A.W. who either did not exist, or for whom the prescriptions were ordered without the provider's authorization.

d. **ADAMS** and other conspirators used cellular telephones to capture images researching and displaying controlled substances.

e. In total, **ADAMS** obtained at least one bottle of a controlled substance ordered in the name of at least one purported patient and using the DEA registration and NPI number of at least one medical provider without authority.

All in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 846.

COUNT 2
Acquiring and Obtaining Possession of Controlled Substances By Fraud
(21 U.S.C. § 843(a)(3))

16. Paragraphs 1 through 11 and 15 of this Indictment are re-alleged and incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.

17. On or about December 18, 2024, in the Middle District of Louisiana and elsewhere, the defendant, **ADAMS**, did knowingly and intentionally obtain possession of a controlled substance from Pharmacy-1 by misrepresentation, fraud, forgery, deception, and subterfuge, and aided and abetted the commission of such offense, in that the defendant, using a prescription purportedly issued by provider J.A. to patient A.W., fraudulently obtained Promethazine-codeine, a controlled substance.

The above is a violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 843(a)(3) and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

NOTICE OF FORFEITURE

18. Paragraphs 1 through 17 of this Indictment are incorporated by reference herein as factual allegations.

19. Upon conviction of the offenses alleged in Counts 1 and 2 of this Indictment, the defendant, **ADAMS**, shall forfeit to the United States pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853, any property constituting, or derived from, any proceeds obtained, directly or indirectly, as the result of such violation, and any of the defendant's property used, or intended to be used, in any manner or part, to commit, or to facilitate the commission of, such violation.

20. If any of the above-described property, as a result of any act or omission of the defendant:

a. cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;

b. has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third party;

c. has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the Court;

d. has been substantially diminished in value; or

e. has been commingled with other property which cannot be subdivided without difficulty,

it is the intent of the United States to seek a forfeiture money judgment, and to seek forfeiture of any other property of the defendant up to the value of the forfeitable property described above, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p).

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Criminal Cover Sheet **U.S. District Court**

Place of Offense:

City: New Roads, LA

County/Parish: Pointe Coupee

*Investigating Agency: DEA

*Agent: Nathaniel Jacobson

Matter to be sealed: ☐ Yes ☑ No

Related Case Information:

Superseding ☐ Docket Number ______

Same Defendant ☐ New Defendant ☐

Magistrate Case Number: ______

Search Warrant Case No.: ______

R 20/ R 40 from District of: ______

Any Other Related Cases: ______

Defendant Information:

Defendant Name: KENDRICK ADAMS

Alias: ______

Address: ______

DOB: ______ SS / Alien#: ______ Sex: ___ Race: ______ Nationality: ______

U.S. Attorney Information:

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Interpreter: ☐ Yes ☑ No **List language and/or dialect:** ______

Location Status:

Arrest Date: ______

☐ Already in Federal Custody as of ______

☐ Already in State Custody

☐ On Pretrial Release

U.S.C. Citations:

Total # of Counts: 2

Mandatory Minimum Charged? ☑ Yes ☐ No

Code	**Description of Offense Charged**	**Count(s)**	**Petty/ Misdemeanor/ Felony**
21:846	Conspiracy to acquire and obtain controlled substances by fraud	1	F
21:843(a)(3)	Obtaining possession of controlled substances by fraud	2	F

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Date: 06/17/2026 **Signature of AUSA:** Jessica Thornhill