



# Department of Justice

United States Attorney Robert E. O'Neill  
Middle District of Florida

Tampa Orlando Jacksonville Fort Myers Ocala  
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
June 7, 2011  
<http://www.usdoj.gov/usao/flm/pr>

CONTACT: WILLIAM DANIELS  
PHONE: (813) 274-6388  
FAX: (813) 274-6300

## **PHYSICIAN PLEADS GUILTY TO DRUG CONSPIRACY CHARGES**

Jacksonville, Florida - United States Attorney Robert E. O'Neill announces that Dr. Thomas V. Holland (60, Milton, Florida) pleaded guilty today to one count of conspiracy to distribute and possess with the intent to distribute Oxycodone. Holland was charged by information on June 2, 2011. He faces a maximum penalty of 20 years in federal prison and a \$1 million fine. The information also notifies Holland that the United States intends to forfeit assets which are alleged to be traceable to proceeds of the offenses.

According to court documents, Holland was a physician at Jacksonville Pain Clinic and its successor clinic, Duval Wellness, and later First Coast Pain. Along with others at the facility, he distributed significant amounts of controlled substances, including Oxycodone, Xanax, and Soma, to clients and patients who traveled to and visited these clinics for the purposes of obtaining prescription drugs.

According to the plea agreement, from late 2009 and continuing through on or about July 29, 2010, Holland knowingly, willfully and intentionally conspired with other persons at the facility to distribute Oxycodone and performed acts and made statements to hide and conceal the purpose of the conspiracy.

Physicians, including Holland, prescribed large amounts of these medications to

patients, without appropriate individual assessments of patients. A majority of these individuals complained to the doctors of back pain. The owner of these clinics paid the prescribing physicians, including Holland, a specific negotiated dollar amount per patient, ranging from approximately \$40 to \$60 per patient. Some physicians treated 80 to 90 patients per day. Holland saw between 30 and 35 patients per day and prescribed significant amounts of Oxycodone, Xanax, and, on many occasions, Soma, to many of these patients without any legitimate medical purpose.

Visiting patients were uninsured and paid cash for each doctor's visit (between \$250 and \$300 per visit every thirty days). Witnesses report that, as to First Coast Pain, daily cash deposits ranged between \$10,000 and \$90,000.

This case was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office. It is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney A. Tysen Duva.