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BRADENTON AND SARASOTA RESIDENTS SENTENCED FOR ROLES IN FRAUDULENT OXYCODONE PRESCRIPTION SCHEME

Tampa, Florida - U.S. Attorney Robert E. O'Neill announces that U.S. District Judge James D. Whittemore today sentenced Jeffrey Kenney (30, Sarasota) to ten years in federal prison for conspiracy to possess with the intent to distribute and to distribute Oxycodone. Jeffrey Kenney is the last of four defendants to be sentenced in this case. Last week, Judge Whittemore sentenced his brother Joseph Kenney (30), also of Sarasota, to serve seven years; Benjamin Stansbury (21, Bradenton), to five years; and Christian Coggin (31, Sarasota), to three years in federal prison.

Jeffrey Kenney pleaded guilty on March 7, 2011. Joseph Kenney, Benjamin Stansbury and Christian Coggin pleaded guilty on February 24, 2011.

According to court documents, from at least 2008 through August of 2010, Jeffrey Kenney, Joseph Kenney, Benjamin Stansbury and Christian Coggin, engaged in a scheme to obtain Oxycodone through the use of fraudulent and counterfeit prescriptions. Throughout the conspiracy, Joseph Kenney, Jeffrey Kenney and Benjamin Stansbury, together and separately, produced fake prescriptions on computers and then filled the fraudulent prescriptions, or caused them to be filled by others, including Christian Coggin, at various pharmacies throughout the Manatee, Sarasota and Hillsborough Counties. After

filling the prescriptions, Coggin and others would return a portion of the pills to the Kenney brothers and Benjamin Stansbury and keep the rest for resale or use. Based on information regarding names used on the counterfeit prescriptions, law enforcement agents obtained or identified hundreds of prescriptions representing in excess of 30,000 pills of 30mg, 40mg and 80mg Oxycodone pills (mostly 30mg), from various pharmacies in Sarasota, Manatee and Hillsborough Counties.

This case was investigated by The Florida Department of Law Enforcement and the Manatee County Sheriff's Office and the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office. It was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Kathy J.M. Peluso.