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Doctor gets 50 Month Sentence for Health Care Fraud & Tax Evasion

*Dr. Barton Adams must forfeit \$3.7 million to Federal Government,
and pay \$3.1 million in restitution to victims*

WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA — A Parkersburg, West Virginia, doctor was sentenced to 50 months in federal prison today as a result of his convictions for “Health Care Fraud” and “Tax Evasion.”

United States Attorney William J. Ihlenfeld, II, announced that BARTON JOSEPH ADAMS, a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine who owned and operated “Interventional Pain Management” in Vienna, West Virginia, was sentenced in Federal court in Wheeling today by Chief Judge John Preston Bailey.

ADAMS, 61 years of age, previously admitted to making fraudulent claims for health care proceeds and to willfully attempting to evade taxes. In addition to the prison sentence, ADAMS must forfeit \$3,724,721 to the federal government and make restitution in the amount of \$3,136,293 to the various healthcare providers that he defrauded, including Medicare and Medicaid.

“Dr. Adams exploited vital, taxpayer-funded programs and as a result he is going to prison,” said U.S. Attorney Ihlenfeld. “His conduct was egregious and thanks to the sentence imposed by the Court today he has now been held accountable. The U.S. Attorney’s Office will continue to be aggressive in pursuing criminals like Dr. Adams because this type of fraud drives up the cost of health care for everyone.”

ADAMS was found to be in contempt of court in March of 2009 and has been in custody since that time due to his failure to return funds that he stole and then transferred to foreign bank accounts. The 50 month sentence is in addition to the time that he served for the contempt violation but he will receive some credit for time served while he was being evaluated regarding his competency to stand trial.

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JOSEPHINE ADAMS, the wife of DR. ADAMS, went to trial in 2011 and was convicted by a jury of assisting her husband in the laundering of nearly \$4 million dollars of health care fraud proceeds. The evidence presented showed that the fraud proceeds were first deposited into accounts in West Virginia and then were moved into accounts around the United States before being placed into accounts in Canada, China, and the Philippines.

These cases were prosecuted by United States Attorney Ihlenfeld, Assistant United States Attorney Michael D. Stein, and Assistant United States Attorney Alan McGonigal. They were investigated by the Internal Revenue Service-Criminal Investigation Division and the Office of Inspector General-Department of Health and Human Services.

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