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Woman Indicted for Attempting to Introduce Drugs to a Federal Prison

LONDON, Ky. – Keisha Pelote, 33, of Waldorf, Maryland, was indicted on Wednesday, on one count of possession with intent to distribute buprenorphine, aka Suboxone, and one count of attempting to provide it to an inmate in a federal prison.

The Indictment alleges that Pelote possessed the drug with the intent of distributing it and attempted to introduce it into FCI Manchester.

If convicted of the drug trafficking charge, Pelote faces up to 10 years of imprisonment, a \$500,000.00 fine, and at least two years of federal supervised release. If convicted of attempting to introduce the buprenorphine into FCI Manchester, she faces up to 20 years imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine, and three years of federal supervised release.

Robert M. Duncan Jr., United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky, made the announcement after a federal grand jury in London returned the indictment.

Assistant United States Attorney R. Nicholas Rabold is prosecuting the case on behalf of the United States. The investigation preceding the indictment was conducted by the Bureau of Prisons, with the assistance of the Department of Homeland Security.

Pelote's appearance before the United States District Court has not yet been set.

An indictment by a grand jury is an accusation only, and individuals charged in an indictment are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

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