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MADIGAN: CHICAGO AREA DOCTOR PLEADS GUILTY TO ILLEGALLY DELIVERING PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Physician Surrenders Medical License

Chicago — Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan has successfully secured a guilty plea from a West Dundee, Ill., doctor today in Kane County Circuit Court on charges of unlawful delivery of a controlled substance, a Class 3 felony, for delivering prescription drugs without conducting patient examinations to determine whether the drugs were medically necessary.

Dr. Irving Bush, 74, was sentenced to 30 months probation and will surrender his license to practice medicine. Dr. Bush also will pay court and processing costs.

"Dr. Bush flagrantly violated the law," Madigan said. "It is critical that he lose his license to practice medicine in Illinois and no longer be able to put patients' health at risk with such dangerous behavior."

Attorney General Madigan's office investigated and prosecuted the case on a referral from the Cook County Sheriff's Office. In the course of the investigation, Dr. Bush delivered several packets of hydrocodone and alprazolam, both controlled substances, to an undercover Cook County Sheriff's officer on three separate occasions in early March 2008. After each delivery, the undercover officer paid Dr. Bush.

Providing controlled substances to patients without determining a medical need violates the Medical Practice Act, which prohibits prescribing, selling, administering, or giving controlled substances or narcotics for other than medically accepted therapeutic purposes.

The Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, Cook County State's Attorney's Office and the Kane County State's Attorney's Office also assisted in the investigation and prosecution of the case.

Assistant Attorneys General Simeon Kim and Grant Swinger prosecuted the case for Madigan's Statewide Grand Jury Bureau.

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