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Case #15-500539

Woman Arrested for Prescription Fraud

January 11, 2015—Washington County Sheriff's Deputies arrested a woman who is alleged to have forged at least 20 prescriptions for narcotic cough syrup with the intent to sell in California.

On January 10, 2015 at about 1:30 p.m., Sheriff's Deputies were called to the Walgreens Pharmacy at 13470 NW Cornell Road in the community of Cedar Hills, concerning a forged prescription. The Sheriff's Deputy learned that a female was in the pharmacy at about 11:45 a.m. and picked up a prescription for Phenergan with Codeine cough syrup using a forged prescription. The cough syrup is classified as a DEA schedule-II drug which is a very powerful narcotic only available by prescription.

While at the Walgreens investigating the incident, the Sheriff's Deputy was told the pharmacy had sent a flyer to all other Walgreens warning about the woman. There was information that the same woman, dressed in Mickey Mouse cartoon character scrubs, was traveling from pharmacy to pharmacy picking up called-in prescriptions of the same cough syrup. The prescriptions were called in from a person claiming to be from various doctor's offices providing the correct doctor information with fake patient names. The woman would then go to the pharmacy and pick the cough syrup up by paying cash.

Prior to the Sheriff's Deputy leaving the Walgreens on NW Cornell Road, he received information that a Walgreens in Gresham recognized a woman from the description from the flyer that was attempting to pickup a prescription for the cough syrup. The pharmacy called the Gresham Police Department who promptly arrested Sirena Guice,

20, from Sacramento and a man that was driving her around.



The Washington County Sheriff's Deputy went to the Gresham Police Department and contacted Ms. Guice. The Westside Interagency Narcotics (WIN) Team also assisted with the investigation. Investigators recovered over 20 bottles of the cough syrup from the vehicle Ms. Guice was using and her

hotel room (photo attached of 13 bottles). The street value of the seized cough syrup

sold by the ounce is estimated to be in excess of \$15,000. Investigators believe this incident is possibly part of a larger scale operation.



Sheriff's Deputies have linked Ms. Guice to crimes at nine pharmacies in Portland, Beaverton, Gresham, Troutdale, Fairview, and Washington County. Investigators believe it is very likely that Ms. Guice is responsible for numerous additional unreported crimes or connected cases in the area.

At about 9:00 p.m. last night, Sirennia Lynn Guice was arrested and later lodged in the Washington County Jail where she was charged with 11 counts of Possession of a Controlled Substance, 11 counts of Distribution of a Controlled Substance, 11 counts of Second Degree Forgery, 11 counts of Prescription Fraud, and one count of Aggravated Identity Theft. She is held on \$1,000,000 bail.

The WIN Team will be following up on this case with additional search warrants.

The male was questioned and later released.