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For Immediate Release:

Ocean City Man Arrested for Prescription Fraud

On June 11, 2009, the Ocean City Police Narcotics unit conducted a pharmaceutical drug investigation, involving an individual who was obtaining prescription medication posing as a doctor from Laurel, Maryland who was calling in fraudulent Hydrocodone prescriptions to local pharmacies. Hydrocodone is a schedule 3, controlled dangerous substance and is often marketed under the brand name "Vicodin", which is a very strong, potentially addictive pain medication.

OCPD investigators were contacted by the CVS Pharmacy, located at 12001 Coastal Highway, after the pharmacist became suspicious of the request for this drug and the manner in which it was being prescribed.

Detectives were able to determine the person for whom the medication had been fraudulently prescribed, was discharged patient of the Laurel, Maryland Doctor's office.

During the investigation police learned that the patient later identified as Shannon Sanders Alexander – 38 years old, of Ocean City, had actually been discharged several months ago as a patient by this doctors office for attempting to phone in fraudulent prescriptions to pharmacies by posing as a doctor.

Detectives arrested Alexander at the CVS pharmacy while he was attempting to pick-up a fraudulently called in prescription for Hydrocodone. During his arrest, OCPD Officers located Marijuana in Alexander's possession.

Alexander was charged with the following crimes;

- 1) CDS Prescription Obtain by Fraud
- 2) CDS Prescription Obtained by Impersonation
- 3) CDS Possession Marijuana
- 4) CDS Possession Paraphernalia

Alexander was seen by an Ocean City District Court Commissioner and was held on a \$5000 bond. Alexander was transferred to the Worcester County Jail.

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User: MLEVY, PSB681

06/22/2009 12:11

Date/Time: 06/11/2009 09:15

Bk Officer:

Booking ID:

FP Officer:

Name ID:

Srch Officer:

Local ID:



Inmate Info:

Name: ALEXANDER, SHANNON SANDERS

Race: W **Sex:** M

Addr: 3 63RD ST 13
 OCEAN CITY, MD 21842

Hair: BRO **Eye:** HAZ

Hgt: 5'04 **Wgt:** 140

DOB: 09/18/1970 **Age:** 38 **SSN:**

Adult

If Juvenile, enter cell times

Time In: _____

Time Out: _____

AKA:

Alerts:

Employer:

Ph: n/a

Employ Add:

Ph: n/a

Case ID	Date Arrested	Officer	Charge	Bond Information:		
				Amount	Status	Type
2009002485	06/11/2009		CDS PRESCR OBTAIN BY FRAUD	\$5,000	Uph	Cash
	06/11/2009		CDS PRESC OBTN IMPERSONATN		Na	Na
	06/11/2009		CDS: POSSESSION-MARIHUANA		Na	Na
	06/11/2009		CDS:POSS PARAPHERNALIA		Na	Na

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