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FORT MYERS PSYCHIATRIST ARRESTED
FOR ALLEGEDLY ILLEGALLY DISPENSING DRUGS

Paul I. Perez, United States Attorney for the Middle District of Florida, Mark R. Trouville of the Drug Enforcement Administration, and Chief Hilton Daniels of the Fort Myers Police Department announced the arrest of Dr. Cecilio Pizarro, age 57, of Fort Myers. The psychiatrist was indicted on March 28, 2007, for allegedly giving prescriptions for methadone and oxycodone, also known as oxycontin, two serious and potentially dangerous drugs, in exchange for sex with his patients.

Based on various statements by the Pizarro's patients that he gave prescriptions to them in exchange for sex in his offices, the Fort Myers Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration utilized an undercover agent, posing as a patient, who was able to receive prescriptions in exchange for money. The prescriptions were given without any medical examination and for no medical purpose. Pizarro simply wrote out the prescription and charged a fee for the drugs.

This case is being prosecuted by Chief Assistant United States Attorney Douglas Molloy of the Fort Myers Division of the United States Attorney's Office.

An indictment is merely a formal charge that a defendant has committed a violation of the federal criminal laws, and every defendant is presumed innocent unless, and until, proven guilty