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Redding Physician Arrested for Prescribing Narcotics

REDDING - Investigators from the Medical Board of California's Prescription Drug Strike Force along with the Redding Police Department, arrested Dr. James Gregory White for prescribing drugs without a legitimate purpose, prescribing to a known addict, and excessive prescribing. Dr. White along with his physician assistant, Cheri Hougland, were arrested at his place of business the North Valley Medical Corporation at 473 South Street in Redding, California.

Just after the arrest, agents from The Bureau of Medi-Cal Fraud and Elder Abuse (BMFEA), Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), and the Office of Inspector General (OIG), served a search warrant at North Valley Medical Corporation and seized several medical files related to patients who are Medi-Cal beneficiaries. Dr. White and Ms. Hougland are suspected of conspiring in, and aiding and abetting, Medi-Cal violations relating to fraudulent claims.

Dr. White is currently being held without bail.

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