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During the late fall of 2006, the Warren County Drug Task Force and pharmaceutical manufacturer Purdue Pharma, became involved in a joint effort involving an OxyContin® sting using the world-wide web and a bogus website. This sting is the first ever involving OxyContin®, which is oftentimes falsely alluded to as available for sale on the Internet.

On September 11, 2007, the initial portion of this investigation concluded with the exchange of 3,000-80mg. OxyContin tablets for a total of \$27,000. The suspects involved in this transaction had previously wired \$4,500 to an undercover bank account in Warren County, Ohio, as a down payment to purchase the drugs. This exchange took place in San Diego, California, with the outstanding assistance of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA).

Also during this meeting, the two suspects brought samples of purportedly counterfeit Cialis® and Viagra®, indicating that they had a total of 80,000 of these pills to sell our undercovers in the future. The subjects expressed an interest in purchasing up to 15,000 tablets a month of the OxyContin® from our undercovers, while at this same meeting in San Diego.

Once the undercover deal had been completed, DEA Agents arrested the following subjects:

Luis Pena Ibarra, 35 YOA, Tijuana, Mexico
Salvador Enrique Alonso Garcia, 23 YOA, Tijuana, Mexico

Both subjects have been indicted by the Warren County Grand Jury on one count each of Attempt Possession (50-100 X Bulk) (F-1), and Engaging in a Pattern of Corrupt Activity (F-1). Both prisoners are confined in San Diego, California jails, awaiting extradition back to Ohio for prosecution.

This innovative and progressive investigation is a model of Public-Private sector collaboration and it could not have been successful without the extraordinary support and resources provided by Purdue Pharma, with the cooperation of the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) in Dayton, Ohio, and San Diego, California, and the Warren County Prosecutor's Office (Rachel Hutzel).

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