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Two New York Men Charged with Allegedly Selling Fraudulent Oxycodone Prescriptions

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The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on February 17, 2012 released the following:

"NEWARK, NJ-Two New York men made their initial court appearances today after being arrested by federal agents last night for allegedly operating an oxycodone distribution network using counterfeit medical prescriptions, U.S. Attorney Paul J. Fishman announced. Jack E. Polo, (a/k/a "Spank"), 42, of Queens, N.Y., and Roland M. Sartori, 32, of Bellerose, N.Y., are each charged by complaint with one count of conspiring to distribute oxycodone. They were arrested last night at Sartori's home by agents of the FBI. Both men made their initial appearances before U.S. Magistrate Judge Mark Falk in Newark federal court and were released on \$50,000 unsecured bond, with their travel restricted to New York and New Jersev.

According to the criminal complaints: Since at least November 2010, the defendants had access to blank prescription paper that was sent to a New York State medical facility. Using specialized printing equipment, they created oxycodone prescriptions in the names of fictitious patients. The defendants printed several different telephone numbers on the phony prescriptions and used a network of coconspirators, posing as employees of various doctors' offices, to answer calls to those numbers in case any pharmacies attempted to verify the prescriptions.

The conspiracy charge carries a maximum potential penalty of 20 years in prison and up to a \$1 million fine.

U.S. Attorney Fishman credited special agents with the FBI under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Michael B. Ward, and the New York Police Department, for the investigation leading to today's arrests.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Shana W. Chen of the Organized Crime/Gangs Unit in Newark.

The charges and allegations contained in the Complaint are merely accusations and the defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty." Douglas McNabb – McNabb Associates, P.C.'s

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