



Statewide News Release

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Two Campbellsville Residents Indicted for Fraudulently Distributing Prescription Drugs

KASPER Aids Local Investigation

FRANKFORT, KY. (Oct. 16, 2017) – Two Campbellsville residents have been arrested on charges of fraudulently obtaining and distributing prescription drugs commonly used to treat opioid addiction.

The investigation involved the illegal distribution of over 1,000 buprenorphine tablets (buprenorphine is a prescription medication typically used for the treatment of opioid addiction) fraudulently obtained in four counties using other people’s identities. These prescriptions were discovered by investigators using the Kentucky All Schedule Prescription Electronic Reporting System, “KASPER”, which is a part of the Office of Inspector General in the Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS). The investigation is on-going.

“It’s important for practitioners to know they can help prevent prescription fraud by performing periodic checks of their controlled substance prescribing by reviewing a reverse KASPER,” said CHFS Inspector General Steve Davis. “Practitioners can report suspected prescription fraud to their local police department and the Office of Inspector General.”

Campbellsville resident Kori Posey, 32, was charged with multiple counts of obtaining a controlled substance without a patient/provider relationship and second and third degree drug trafficking. Additionally, 36-year-old Donald R. Thompson of Campbellsville was charged with four counts of obtaining a controlled substance without a patient/provider relationship and being a persistent felony offender.

The arrests were made following a nine-month investigation by multiple agencies. In addition to the Office of Inspector General, the investigation included the Kentucky State Police Drug Enforcement Special Investigations West Branch; the Columbia Area High Intensity Drug

Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Drug Task Force; the Campbellsville Police Department; and the local Commonwealth Attorney's office. A Taylor County grand jury delivered the indictments.

"Our KASPER program is an important and effective tool in helping providers track scheduled narcotics dispensed in Kentucky. We continue to strengthen its capabilities and identify gaps to assist providers making decisions about patient care and combatting abuse, misuse and diversion," concluded CHFS Secretary Vickie Yates Brown Glisson.

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The Cabinet for Health and Family Services is home to most of the state's human services and healthcare programs, including the Department for Medicaid Services, the Department for Community Based Services the Department for Public Health, the Department for Aging and Independent Living and the Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities. CHFS is one of the largest agencies in state government, with nearly 8,000 full- and part-time employees located across the Commonwealth focused on improving the lives and health of Kentuckians.