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Media Release

Doctor Indicted for Trafficking in Prescription Drugs

Coshocton, Ohio (Coshocton County) - On December 18, 2012, Ohio State Board of Pharmacy Executive Director Kyle Parker announced that the Coshocton County Grand Jury indicted Dr. David A. Velasquez, 46, on ninety seven felony counts; 95 counts of Trafficking in Drugs, 1 count of Permitting Drug Abuse and 1 count of Engaging in Corrupt Activity.

The Ohio State Board of Pharmacy and the Coshocton County Sheriff's Office initiated an investigation in January 2011, after receiving several complaints surrounding Dr. Velasquez's prescribing habits. As a result of the investigation, it is alleged that Dr. Velasquez was illegally selling weight loss medication, a controlled substance stimulant with similar effects to amphetamines, to his patients out of his practice; New Century Physicians Intermedic, Inc., 445 Walnut Street, Coshocton, Ohio. Some patients paid in excess of \$300 per visit to obtain the weight loss drugs from Dr. Velasquez.

"I would like to commend the efforts of our Board of Pharmacy Agent for his work on this case, and the collaborative work from the Coshocton County Sheriff's Office," said Kyle Parker.

The case will be prosecuted by the Ohio Attorney General's Special Prosecutions Unit.