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Encino Doctor Charged with Prescribing Narcotic Drugs Unlawfully

District Attorney Jackie Lacey announced today that charges have been filed against an Encino physician for allegedly prescribing various narcotic drugs without a legitimate medical need.

Dr. Yahya Hedvat, who runs an Encino medical clinic called "Urgent Care," was arrested today on a warrant charging him with eight felony counts of unlawfully prescribing a controlled substance, including hydrocodone, suboxone and clonazepam.

Deputy District Attorneys John Niedermann and Emily Street with the Major Narcotics Division are prosecuting the case.

The 68-year-old Hedvat, who specializes in internal medicine, allegedly prescribed various narcotic drugs to undercover agents with the California Medical Board without performing proper examinations or prescribing the drugs for a legitimate medical purpose, Niedermann said. The complaint alleges Hedvat wrote unlawful prescriptions to clients in August 2012 and to undercover agents beginning in February.

Prosecutors will ask that his bail be set at \$80,000. He is expected to be arraigned on Friday at the Foltz Criminal Justice Center, Department 30, in case BA414553.

If convicted as charged, he faces up to seven years, eight months in county jail.

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