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L.A. Doctor Charged in Massive RX Drug Ring

A Los Angeles physician was arrested Wednesday along with three individuals on charges they participated in a widespread oxycodone prescription drug ring, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

Dr. Clyde Arnold (dob 11/22/32) is scheduled to be arraigned today at the Foltz Criminal Justice Center, Department 30, in case BA430077. Prosecutors will ask that his bail be set at \$100,000.

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

The 48-count felony complaint filed Oct. 8 alleges that individuals would go to Arnold's clinic, located at 3756 Santa Rosalia Drive, and receive multiple prescriptions for the maximum amount of oxycodone permitted by prescription, along with anti-anxiety medication, muscle relaxants and prescription cough syrup.

The individuals would then fill the prescriptions at local pharmacies and resell the pills on the street, prosecutors said. The incidents occurred between December 2012 and January 2013.

Police seized thousands of pills during raids on the suspects' homes along with \$10,000 in cash and more than 50 stolen identifications.

Arnold is charged with 31 felony counts – 27 counts of prescribing without a legitimate medical purpose and four counts of conspiracy. If convicted, he faces up to 22 years in local custody.

Also charged are:

- Margarita Ray (dob 4/26/43) of Los Angeles. She is charged with nine felony counts including possession for sale of a controlled substance and conspiracy. If convicted, she faces up to 10 years, eight months in local custody.

- Fredrick Hagen (dob 4/7/52) of Los Angeles. He is charged with six felony counts including possession for sale of a controlled substance and conspiracy. If convicted, he faces up to nine years in local custody.
- Clintessa Williams (dob 11/5/88) of Lakewood. She is charged with six felony counts including possession for sale of a controlled substance and ID theft. If convicted, she faces up to eight years, eight months in local custody.

Two others are charged but have not been arrested.

The case is being investigated by the Department of Health Care Services, the California Medical Board and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency.

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