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Redondo Beach Doctor Pleads to Overprescribing Powerful Painkillers

A Redondo Beach neurologist was convicted today of selling powerful narcotics to undercover police officers two years ago, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Gerard Goryl, 61, pleaded no contest to 38 counts, including illegally prescribing a controlled substance and possession for sale of a controlled substance in case BA425289. Goryl is expected to receive four years in local custody and three years in a lockdown mental health facility when he is sentenced on Jan. 4.

Deputy District Attorney Emily Street of the Major Narcotics Division prosecuted the case.

Goryl ran a medical clinic in Redondo Beach with his 69-year-old assistant and co-defendant Wilfred Arvizo Jr. Over a two-month period in 2014, both men allegedly sold hydrocodone and Xanax to undercover officers. The drugs were sold without any type of physical examination or medical need.

Arvizo faces six similar counts and is scheduled to return to court on Jan. 19. If convicted of all counts, he faces up to eight years and four months in state prison.

The case was investigated by the Redondo Beach Police Department in conjunction with the Drug Enforcement Administration.

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