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Patchogue painkiller peddler to be sentenced Tuesday

A 49 year old Nurse Practitioner convicted in June of conspiracy and criminal sale of prescriptions for running a multimillion dollar pill mill in Deer Park will be sentenced in Riverhead Tuesday (8/25), Suffolk County District Attorney Thomas Spota said.

During the five week trial jurors learned that the defendant Ingrid Gordon-Patterson, as a licensed nurse-practitioner and registered DEA prescriber wrote more than 1,200 prescriptions for 30 milligram Oxycodone tablets over a period of one year of operating a pain management clinic at 207 Bay Shore Road in Deer Park.

“This office will recommend today that Ms. Patterson receive the maximum sentence of up to 26 years in state prison,” District Attorney Spota said. “She is a drug dealer who sold prescriptions for a powerful habit-forming narcotic for cash,” DA Spota said, citing evidence presented at trial that Gordon-Patterson diverted over 400,000 (413,519) 30 mg. oxycodone tablets with a street value in 2012 of over \$6 million.

“She used a pen and prescription pad to make enormous sums of cash over the span of one year, an estimated \$1 million dollars paid to her by addicts and dealers who resold the oxycodone pills,” said Spota.

Gordon-Patterson was indicted three years ago by the Special Grand Jury DA Spota empaneled to investigate prescription drug diversion and abuse locally. The grand jury reported that Suffolk County had almost twice the state average in cash prescriptions paid for oxycodone and the spike in arrests and overdose deaths locally were due to two factors: the overprescribing of painkillers and the influence of the pharmaceutical industry on lawmakers and physicians.

On June 29, the jury in Riverhead found Gordon Patterson guilty of all counts in the indictment; two counts of conspiracy, two counts of criminal sale of a prescription and one charge of criminal possession of a weapon. The gun was a loaded, .38 caliber Titan Tiger revolver found by detectives in a metal cabinet in the defendant's personal office.

State Supreme Court Justice Richard Ambro (fourth floor of the courthouse) will sentence the defendant. The court calendar starts at 9:30 am. The sentencing will occur after 10 am.



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