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NURSE PRACTITIONER ARRESTED FOR ILLEGALLY ISSUING PRESCRIPTIONS

More victims sought as Bakersfield woman faces charges of identity theft and perjury.



SACRAMENTO, CA -- Jasmine Hill, of Bakersfield, was arrested and charged with nine felonies and one misdemeanor after it was discovered that she allegedly wrote prescriptions for herself for controlled substances.

Kern County Superior Court issued an arrest warrant and Hill was taken into custody on Oct. 6, 2017, by the Department of Consumer Affairs' Division of Investigation (DOI) with assistance from the Bakersfield Police Department.

Hill was charged with two felony counts of identity theft, one felony count of perjury, one felony count of filing a false document with the state, two felony counts of illegally issuing prescriptions, two felony counts of making a false statement in a prescription for controlled substances, one felony count of using the title of a physician to obtain controlled substances and one misdemeanor count of falsifying a medical record.

The arrest was the result of an investigation conducted by DOI's Investigation and Enforcement Unit, Central Valley Field Office. The investigation found that Hill, a nurse practitioner, allegedly wrote a prescription for herself, which included controlled substances, and then used the signature stamp of a co-worker physician to sign the prescription form.

Hill allegedly made false entries into her own medical record to make it appear that the physician had authorized the prescription. Upon further investigation, additional prescriptions were found, which appeared to have been falsified by Hill using the signature of a second physician.

DOI Investigators found that in addition to forging prescription records, Hill obtained a Department of Motor Vehicles disabled placard after allegedly submitting a placard application that included what investigators believe was a forged signature of her co-worker physician.

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Hill was booked into Kern County Jail and her bail has been set at \$132,500. She will appear in court for arraignment on Oct. 18, 2017. At her court appearance, the Board of Registered Nursing is expected to request that the judge issue an order to restrict or suspend Hill's ability to practice as a nurse during the duration of the criminal case.

Investigators believe there may be more victims in the Bakersfield area. If any health care facility or physician believes they were a victim of these crimes, please contact Rod Spaulding, lead investigator, at DOI's Central Valley Field Office at (559) 244-5658.

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