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Former Doctor's Employee Arrested on Drug Fraud Charges

Bushnell, FL (April 15, 2013) – The Sumter County Sheriff's Special Investigations Squad with the assistance of the Ocala Police Department arrested an Ocala man charging him with trafficking in a controlled substance.

Joseph James Kennedy, 37, of Ocala was arrested in the evening Monday, April 15, 2013, at his residence in the 5000 block of SW 20th Street in Ocala after Sumter detectives obtained a warrant for his arrest charging him with 11 counts of Trafficking in Hydrocodone, 11 counts of Unlawful Acquisition of a Controlled Substance by Fraud, and 11 counts of Identity Theft: his bond was set at \$1,210,000 dollars.

Kennedy is a former Medical Technician of a Sumter County doctor who fraudulently accessed and utilized the physicians DEA number and information to fraudulently obtain the controlled substance. Kennedy would call in fraudulent prescriptions to various pharmacies in Sumter County using the doctor's DEA and other information. The fraudulently obtaining of the controlled substances started while he was still employed by the doctor and continued after his employment had been terminated.

After his arrest, Kennedy was taken to the Marion County Jail.



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