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Lakewood Nurse Indicted for Stealing Patients' Prescribed Drugs

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CLEVELAND – Prosecutor Michael C. O'Malley announced that a Cuyahoga County Grand Jury has indicted Michelle Brown, 43, for stealing drugs from patients while working at a Lakewood nursing home.

“This defendant took advantage of her position as a nurse to illicitly obtain drugs and tried to conceal the evidence. In doing so, she placed innocent patients at risk by tampering with their medication,” said Prosecutor O'Malley. “We will seek an appropriate punishment.”

Brown has been indicted on the following charges:

- 2 counts of Tampering With Drugs
- 2 counts of Illegal Processing Of Drug Documents
- 2 counts of Drug Possession
- 2 counts of Theft

On March 1st and March 7th, 2019, Brown removed bottles of morphine (Roxanol) and hydromorphone (Dilaudid) from a medication cart that were prescribed for patients of a facility located near Detroit Ave and Nicholson Ave in Lakewood. She then removed a portion of the opiate liquid and added water to the bottles in an attempt to conceal the theft, thus diluting the drugs.

Investigation was conducted by the Westshore Enforcement Bureau and the Ohio Board of Nursing.

Arraignment is scheduled for May 17th at 8:30am at the Cuyahoga County Justice Center.

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