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**FEDERAL PRISON PHARMACIST ADMITS STEALING DRUGS
FROM FCI FAIRTON PRISON PHARMACY FOR PERSONAL USE**

CAMDEN, N.J. – A licensed federal prison pharmacist pleaded guilty today to stealing over \$7,000 in drugs and supplies from the prison pharmacy at the Federal Correctional Institution in Fairton, Cumberland County, N.J., where he worked as Chief Pharmacist, United States Attorney Paul J. Fishman announced.

Brian Walters, 47, of Dorchester, N.J., pleaded guilty before Senior United States District Judge Joseph E. Irenas to an Information charging him with theft of government property. Judge Irenas set bail at \$100,000 and permitted Walters' release pending sentencing, which is scheduled for December 1, 2010.

According to documents filed in this case and statements made at Walters' guilty plea proceeding:

From July 2008 to July 2009, Walters stole the drug Nalbuphine Hydrochloride and other supplies, including hypodermic needles, from the prison pharmacy at FCI Fairton. Nalbuphine Hydrochloride is an opiate-based pain reliever which can produce a sense of euphoria in the user. Walters admitted that he ordered extra quantities of the drug through his position as Chief Pharmacist and took the drug and supplies in order to use the drug himself. Walters admitted that he ordered the drug on numerous occasions, and that the stolen drugs and needles were worth approximately \$7,041.44.

Walters, a commissioned officer with the Public Health Service, has been assigned to FCI Fairton as the prison pharmacist since 1991. He has been on leave from the Public Health Service since October 2009.

At sentencing, Walters faces a maximum potential penalty of 10 years in prison and a fine of \$250,000 or twice the gross loss to the Bureau of Prisons. Walters also faces restitution to the United States as part of his sentence.

U.S. Attorney Fishman credited special agents with the United States Department of Justice, Office of the Inspector General, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge James E. Tomlinson, New York Field Office. He also thanked the United States Bureau of Prisons and the FCI Fairton for their cooperation.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Kevin T. Smith of the

U.S. Attorney's Office Special Prosecutions Division in Camden.

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Defense counsel: Michael L. Testa, Esq., Vineland, N.J.