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Criminal Defense Attorney Arrested for Drug Sales



Montgomery County District Attorney Risa Vetri Ferman announces the arrest of Gregory Noonan, age 53, of the 100 block of Oberlin Terrace, Lansdale, Pennsylvania for the delivery of controlled substances and related charges. Gregory Noonan, Esq. is currently a licensed attorney whose law office is located on the 500 block of Swede Street, Norristown, Pennsylvania.

On Saturday, November 23, 2013 at approximately 9:42 AM, Gregory Noonan unwittingly called an undercover Philadelphia police officer's cellular telephone, and left a message saying he wanted to meet him at his office. At approximately 11:45 AM, Noonan again called the undercover police officer's cellular telephone, but did not leave a message. At approximately 11:58 AM, Noonan again called the undercover police officer's cellular telephone and left a message saying that he really needs to meet with him.

At approximately 12:32 PM, the undercover police officer placed a call to Noonan's cellular telephone. Noonan and the undercover police officer agreed to meet at Noonan's Office, located at 530 Swede Street, Norristown, Pennsylvania at 6:30 PM later that same day.

On Saturday November 23, 2013 at approximately 6:55 PM, the undercover police officer met with Noonan inside his car, which is a Jaguar that was parked outside his office. Noonan sold the undercover police officer 179 Oxycodone 30 milligram pills with the agreement he would be paid \$15.00 per pill. Oxycodone is a narcotic drug and a controlled substance in Pennsylvania.

On December 12, 2013 at approximately 5:08 PM, Noonan contacted the undercover police officer. He again contacted the undercover police officer on December 19, 2013 at 2:57 PM, the undercover police officer called Noonan on his cellular phone. Noonan and the undercover police officer agreed to meet that night between 6:00 PM and 7:00 PM.

On December 19, 2013 at approximately 6:15 PM, the undercover police officer arrived at Noonan's Law Office, located at 530 Swede Street, Norristown, Pennsylvania. Noonan exited his law office and met with the undercover police officer again in his Jaguar. The undercover police officer gave Noonan \$3,250.00 in pre-recorded serialized U.S. Currency. In return, Noonan handed the undercover police officer a pill bottle identified as containing 180 Oxycodone 30 milligram pills. Noonan was arrested after the second delivery to the undercover officer by Montgomery County Detectives.

Montgomery County District Attorney Risa Vetri Ferman stated, "I want to thank Philadelphia Police Commissioner Charles Ramsey and the Intensive Drug Unit of the Philadelphia Police for their assistance. Cooperation between law enforcement agencies is important in criminal investigations especially where a drug dealer, because of his or her position, might be familiar with local undercover detectives." The District Attorney also stated, "we are seeing a dramatic trend in Montgomery County of rising opiate abuse in both children and adults. We must stop this dangerous trend. One of my priorities is to investigate and prosecute prescription pill traffickers. As you can see from this arrest of a Lawyer and our recent successful prosecution of a Doctor, no one is above the law, no matter what occupation they hold."

Gregory Noonan was arraigned this morning before Magisterial District Judge Hunsicker on the following charges: Title 35, Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act, Section 780 – 113a, 30 (Delivery of Controlled substances – 2 counts), 16 (Possession of a Controlled Substance – 2 counts), 32 (Possession of Drug Paraphernalia – 2 counts); and Title 18, Section 7512a (Criminal Use of a Communication Facility – 2 counts), Section 5111 (Dealing in the Unlawful Proceeds of Criminal Activities – 2 counts).

Bail was set at \$250,000 cash by Judge Hunsicker and the defendant was remanded to the correctional facility after failing to post bail. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for January 3, 2014 at 11 am before Judge Hunsicker at her Court located at 754 East Johnson Highway in Norristown.

This case will be prosecuted by the Captain of the District Attorney's Drug Unit, Assistant District Attorney Jason Whalley.

Approved for release,

Risa Vetri Ferman

CRIMINAL CHARGES, AND ANY DISCUSSION THEREOF, ARE MERELY ALLEGATIONS AND ALL DEFENDANTS ARE PRESUMED INNOCENT UNTIL AND UNLESS PROVEN GUILTY.