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“PRESCRIPTION FRAUD CHARGES FILED AGAINST MT. SHASTA WOMAN”

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A criminal complaint alleging nine felony counts and one misdemeanor count was filed by the Shasta County District Attorney’s Office today against Naomi LeGate (aka Katy LeGate) for crimes related to prescription fraud, identity theft, and forgery. LeGate, of Mount Shasta, CA, was employed at a medical office in Redding, CA when she committed these crimes.

LeGate has been on felony probation in Santa Cruz County since October 2014, when she was convicted of identity theft and prescription forgery. The probation terms prohibited her from, among other things, possessing prescription pads and prescribing medicine to patients.

A joint investigation by the California Department of Consumer Affairs and the Shasta County District Attorney's Office revealed that LeGate, while employed as a Nurse Practitioner at a medical office in Redding, wrote prescriptions from approximately June 17, 2015 to September 29, 2015 despite the probationary terms from Santa Cruz County.

Additionally, as a Nurse Practitioner without a Furnishing Certificate, LeGate could not legally authorize or sign any prescription forms. During this time period, all prescriptions that LeGate wrote required authorization and a signature from her employing doctor. Among the prescriptions written by LeGate between June and September 2015, investigators found prescriptions which were not authorized by her employing doctor and contained signatures which were not that of her employing doctor.

The case is being prosecuted by Senior Deputy District Attorney Anand “Lucky” Jesrani. The investigations were completed by Investigator Helen Tennyson from the California Department of Consumer Affairs, Division of Investigation, and by Investigator Joseph Hendrix from the Shasta County District Attorney’s Office.

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