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Office of the Attorney General

Attorney General Conway Announces Sentencing of Grayson County Doctor for Use of Non-FDA Approved Birth Control Device

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Kentucky Attorney General Jack Conway today announced the sentencing in U.S. District Court in Louisville of a Grayson County, Ky. obstetrician/gynecologist for the use of a birth control device that had not been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Dr. James Buck was sentenced to one year probation on one misdemeanor count of misbranding. He must also pay \$17,294 in restitution and a \$1,000 fine with a \$25 penalty fee. Prosecution of this case was handled by the U.S. Attorney's Office, Western District of Kentucky.

The charge against Dr. Buck was the result of an investigation by General Conway's Office of Medicaid Fraud and Abuse Control, the FDA Office of Criminal Investigation and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). Buck pled guilty through Information in U.S. District Court, Western District of Kentucky to ordering Mirena IUD devices from an online Canadian pharmacy. The misbranding charge stems from his introduction of these devices into interstate commerce.

Investigators discovered Buck's fraudulent activity while looking into a similar case involving an Elizabethtown, Ky. osteopath.

Medicaid Recoveries

Since Attorney General Conway took office in January 2008, his Office of Medicaid Fraud and Abuse Control has recovered or been awarded more than \$300 million for the state and federal Medicaid programs. These cases

range from lawsuits and settlements against pharmaceutical companies to cases against individual providers.

In 2012, General Conway's Medicaid Fraud Unit was named one of the most aggressive in the country by the nonprofit watchdog group Public Citizen.

The Attorney General's Tip Line for reporting allegations of Medicaid fraud is 1-877-228-7384.



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