



Press Release

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PRESS RELEASE

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Subject: Redondo Beach
Doctor and his assistant
arrested for drug sales.

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A doctor and his assistant, who operate "A Better Weigh", weight loss clinic in Redondo Beach were arrested Thursday on charges of selling controlled substances to an undercover detective. Doctor Gerard Goryl, a 58 year old Redondo Beach resident and his assistant, 66 year old Wilfred Arvizo Jr. of Manhattan Beach were booked at the Redondo Beach Jail and later released on bond.

The joint investigation with the Redondo Beach Police Department and DEA's Tactical Diversion Squad, explored the suspected illegal drug sales from the Redondo Beach business. The investigation was initiated in March when Redondo Beach Detectives received a tip alleging that Doctor Goryl was selling large amounts of Vicodin and Norco from his office. An undercover detective, posing as a drug dealer from out of State, entered the weight loss center and purchased several thousand dollars worth of Vicodin and Norco over the course of numerous visits. Dr. Goryl was later arrested at his Redondo Beach Office while his assistant was arrested at his Manhattan Beach home.

In April of 2008 Dr. Goryl received a public reprimand from the State Medical Board for failing to keep adequate medical patient records and for prescribing medication without sufficient examinations.

The two men are scheduled to appear in South / West Superior Court, in the City of Torrance on July 16, 2014.

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