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ARKANSAS DENTIST INDICTED FOR HEALTH CARE FRAUD

(Texarkana, Texas) A federal grand jury has superseded an indictment charging a Texarkana, Arkansas dentist for defrauding the Texas Medicaid Program.

KEVIN B. SEDDENS, 39, of Texarkana, Arkansas, was named in a 45-count indictment and is accused of submitting materially false and fraudulent claims for medical services in violation of Title 18, U.S. Code, Section 1347, health care fraud.

According to the indictment, Seddens was a licensed Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) whose place of business was located at 1401 Dudley Ave, Texarkana, Arkansas. Although Seddens was only licensed as a dentist in the State of Arkansas, he was an authorized provider in the Texas Medicaid Program. Texas Medicaid allows dentists of bordering cities of adjacent states to provide dental services to Texas Medicaid recipients.

The indictment alleges that Seddens obtained about \$532,459.03 from the Texas Medicaid Program for services which had not been rendered. Those services included amalgam restorations, full mouth debridement, periodontal scaling and root planing, administration of Nitrous Oxide, and surgical extractions.

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If convicted, Seddens could face up to 20 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine for each count. Seddens also faces criminal forfeiture pursuant to Title 18, U.S. Code, 982(a)(7). A defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law. A Grand Jury indictment is not evidence of guilt.

Assistant U.S. Attorney D. Thomas Ferraro is prosecuting the case. The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Texas Attorney General's Office, Texas Health and Human Services Commission, and the Arkansas Attorney General's Office.

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