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Seward Doctor Convicted of Writing Fraudulent Prescriptions

(Juneau, AK) –The State convicted Seward medical doctor Robert Fox on Wednesday of a felony drug charge for writing fraudulent prescriptions.

In pleading guilty to a charge of fourth degree misconduct involving controlled substances. Fox admitted to the court that between October 2002 and March 2003 he wrote prescriptions for narcotic medications that were not medically necessary, and then obtained the drugs for his personal use. Because he wrote the prescriptions for Medicaid recipients, the state Medicaid program paid for the drugs.

“Whether you are a doctor or anyone else, if you are abusing prescription narcotics you need to get help,” said Attorney General Gregg Renkes. “Your addiction does not justify diverting legal drugs for illegal uses.”

Fox received a suspended imposition of sentence and was placed on probation for five years. Fox already surrendered his Alaska medical license. In addition, the court ordered him not to practice medicine without a license and to repay the Medicaid program.

For a copy of public record documents related to this case, please contact paralegal Cynthia Bradford at (907) 269-6250.

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