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Signature Pharmacy Inc. Pleads Guilty

ALBANY, NY – District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that Signature Pharmacy Inc. pleaded guilty to a Superior Court Information charging them with (1) count of Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the 5th Degree, a Class D Felony, this morning before Judge Herrick in Albany County Court. Signature Pharmacy Inc. was required to pay a total of \$100,000 in fines and civil forfeiture.

This plea is in full satisfaction of an indictment that had named ROBERT "STAN" LOOMIS, 61, and NAOMI LOOMIS, 39; both of Windermere, Florida; his brother and former Signature pharmacy operator KENNETH MICHAEL LOOMIS, 64, of Winter Garden, Florida; and former Signature pharmacy business managers KIRK CALVERT, 43, of Windermere, Florida, and TONY PALLADINO 36, of Ocoee, Florida, as defendants.

This plea concludes a co-operative multi-jurisdictional law enforcement effort between the Albany County District Attorney's Office, New York State Health Department, Orlando Bureau of Investigation, and the Florida Attorney General. These agencies worked together aiming to disrupt a nationwide distribution ring of anabolic steroids, Human Growth Hormone and other controlled substances.

"The resolution of this case marks the conclusion of a long term investigation and prosecution that held individuals, and now a corporation, accountable for the illegal sale of steroids in Albany County. I remain committed to closing the pipeline of illegal drugs that flows in to our community, and will continue to hold perpetrators accountable when they choose to supply and deliver illegal narcotics into Albany County."

To date, 5 clinics have been completely shut down and multiple defendants have pleaded guilty. In addition to their guilty pleas, the people involved in this criminal narcotics distribution ring have forfeited more than \$1 million dollars in civil forfeiture to the people of Albany County.

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